

TO-DAY'S Messages.

10.30 A.M.

RAILWAY MARGATE DEAD.

LONDON, To-Day. Sir Charles Rivers Wilson, former President of the Grand Trunk Railway, died at his London residence last night. Sir Charles was born in 1831.

MINOR ACTIVITY.

LONDON, To-Day. A British official communication issued last night says: Last night we fired a mine south of crater No. 8, and after some fighting with trench mortars and hand grenades we occupied the crater. The enemy's artillery has shown some activity to-day about Anthville and Loos against our line northeast of Ypres. Our artillery replied vigorously, considerably damaging enemy's trenches.

GERMANY WILL RESUME SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN.

NEW YORK, To-Day. A special cable to the Tribune from London says a high Government official told the Tribune to-day there was only one reason why Germany made such a stand against the use of the word "illegality" in the Lusitania settlement. "It is practically certain," he said, "Germany is preparing for the immediate resumption of the submarine campaign on a big scale, consequently it does not want to be hampered by any considerations of legality. Once it is admitted it is in accordance with international law to sink passenger ships at sight, Germany will be able to work unfettered."

ACCIDENT WITH TORPEDO.

LONDON, To-Day. A Flushing despatch to Reuter's says a torpedo accidentally discharged from a submarine anchored in the harbor exploded and struck a stage on which there was a landing party from the Dutch battleship Jacob van Heemskerck. The explosion killed a corporal and severely wounded a sergeant and several of those on the stage, which sank.

INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION.

PARIS, To-Day. Georges Clemenceau, President of the French Senate Committee on the Army and Foreign Relations, yesterday was chosen President of the French section of the Franco-English Inter-Parliamentary Union. It was decided to hold a large meeting at Bordeaux on Feb. 25, when English delegates will make known the work accomplished by Britain since the beginning of the war.

11.30 A.M.

THE KAISER'S SOUR GRAPES.

AMSTERDAM, To-Day. The Koelnische Volks Zeitung, discussing peace possibilities, says Germany will never consent to enter a general peace conference, but will only consent to negotiate with each individual enemy. Germany takes the ground, the paper adds, general conference would give Britain the upper-hand.

LONDON BUDGET.

LONDON, To-Day. The French and Germans have been engaged in a furious combat on a Sector of the Western battle front between Lens and Arras, where recently there has been great activity. Berlin reports that to the west of the town of Vimy, the Germans captured French positions over a length of 800 yards. Paris admits the Germans after an explosion of two heavily charged mines got footholds on portions of the French trench, but says that they were driven out by hand grenade attacks.

Paris also reports the French in a grenade attack drove the Germans from a small post between Soissons and Rheims and that the French batteries have badly damaged the German organizations in the Forest d'Apremont, southeast of St. Mihiel. On the Russian front, Berlin reports the repulse of a Russian infantry attack at several points in the Riga region. A Petrograd despatch says severe fighting is in process of development in this district, the preliminary artillery duels having changed into bombardments of great intensity. Nothing new has come through concerning the situation on the Austria-Italian front.

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ter, or Belgium or in Asia where the Russians and British at various points are engaged with Turks. Two women and a child have been killed in daylight raid by two German seaplanes which dropped bombs on the outskirts of Ramsgate and near a school house, and Broadstairs in Kent County, southeast England.

NO INFORMATION ABOUT DRAKE AND ROON.

OTTAWA, To-Day. General Hughes stated last night his department had no information from any wireless or cable stations, regarding a reported naval engagement near Bermuda in which the British cruiser Drake is said to have captured the German commerce raider Roon. Enquiries were made at various stations for corroborative information reported capture of the raider, but no news of any kind is available.

THREE PERSONS INJURED.

LONDON, To-Day. Two women and one child were injured this afternoon when two German seaplanes raided the Kent coast, dropping bombs. Three missiles fell on the outskirts of Ramsgate, and four near a school at Broadstairs. A number of houses were reported to have been confined to shattering glass. The attack was made in broad daylight at 3.30 yesterday afternoon. Bombs were reported approaching the Kentish coast. A few minutes later they flew over Ramsgate and Broadstairs. A number of naval and military aeroplanes ascended to attack the Germans, but they immediately retreated. As no engagement between the airmen has been reported, it is presumed the Germans made good their escape. Of four bombs dropped at Broadstairs all fell near the school house. Three of them exploded.

AUSTRIAN ARRESTED AT SYDNEY

SYDNEY, To-Day. Captain Noble arrested an Austrian who arrived here on Tuesday from Ottawa without proper endorsement of his card by the Authorities. The fact that he left the district where there have been so many incendiary fires of late without permission is considered

suspicious. The Authorities have been communicated with. His leaving the Capital without permission destined him for internment camp in any case.

WANTS GERMAN'S DISMISSED.

TORONTO, To-Day. At a public meeting called by Mayor Church last night, a resolution was adopted, urging the dismissal of all Germans, naturalized or not, in Government employment.

COL. HOUSE IN LONDON.

LONDON, To-Day. Col. House, President Wilson's personal representative arrived here from Paris last evening. Later he conferred with Walter Hines Page, the American Ambassador. A conference between Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Secretary, and Col. House has been arranged for to-day.

AT GERMAN HEADQUARTERS.

BERLIN, To-Day. King Ferdinand of Bulgaria accompanied by Premier Radostlavoff and General Jecoff, Commander-in-Chief of the Bulgarian forces, arrived at the German headquarters, according to the Overseas News Agency.

12.15 P.M.

BELGIUM TURNS DOWN FLATLY THE KAISER'S OFFER.

NEW YORK, To-Day. A cable to the Tribune from London says fresh evidence that Germany is anxious to end the war as soon as possible comes to light every day. There is no question but that she is feeling the pinch hard. It can now be stated with assurance that she has made a flattering offer to Belgium, which King Albert has declined to accept, after a conference with Lord Curzon and Sir Douglas Haig, who were sent at his special request for information from the Allied Governments. Aside from a promise to restore Belgium to her former boundaries, Germany offered to return King Albert to the Belgian throne and pay a big indemnity to Germany. The King stores the kingdom as it was before war, German ports. Naturally neither Albert nor Great Britain are willing to grant this concession under consideration, so that the offer has been flatly turned down.

GERMANY THREATENS ROMANIA.

LONDON, To-Day. According to the Saloniki correspondent of the Daily Mail, Bulgarian officers stationed along frontier have told the Greek officers that these units were shortly to be transferred to the Roumanian frontier. The Mail referring to this and other reports received from Saloniki, Rome and Paris says they indicate that Germany has revised the critical hour. She is engaged the Mail goes on, in important negotiations with German Powers, who seem to have taken decisive steps. The reports include statements to the effect that when Germany has completed her concentration on the Roumanian frontier she will demand that M. Bratianu hand over Premiership to M. Stanculescu, who has recently visited Vienna, and that army shall be demobilized and an agreement made to observe neutrality. A grave note has been pressed at Bucharest.

PRUSSIAN CASUALTIES 2,377,378.

LONDON, To-Day. Amsterdam Curant states that the 420 to 429, shows 19,239 dead, wounded and missing and the French and British 430 to 439, show 18,349 dead, wounded and missing. The total Prussian losses are computed by this newspaper as 2,377,378. The German military losses include also 335 lists of casualties of Westphalian forces, 247 Bavarian lists, 248 Saxon lists, 60 navy lists and some lists consisting German officers and non-commissioned officers in the Turkish service, according to the Courant.

FRENCH PREMIER'S MISSION.

PARIS, To-Day. The establishment of more fruitful collaboration between the Allies was indicated yesterday by the French Premier in the chief purpose of his visit to Italy.

A SPEECH OF DESPAIR—MORE FRIGHTFULNESS THREATENED.

LONDON, To-Day. German newspapers which reached here to-day publish a long extract from a speech made by Max Müller Harden, at a meeting in Berlin on February 4th. He is quoted as saying "We are yet unconvinced that we are fighting with our backs to the wall. As soon as this conclusion is reached there will be war without mercy on quarter. The primeval state of civilization will be restored. Man will face man with the wolf's ferocity. If the world insists upon disparaging the Germans, then the world or "Europe" will lose all its sense and meaning. Europe can still be rescued. It is only the attitude of our enemies which conjured up the menace of destruction. If the rescue, however, is attempted at the expense of the German Empire then let the world not deceive itself for a moment in thinking there will be any means left whatever, let the world think what it pleases, which the German people will not joyfully turn against its foes."

LATEST

2.30 P.M.

GRAVE TROUBLE IN SWITZERLAND.

NEW YORK, To-Day. A cable to the Tribune from Lugano says: Switzerland is threatened by a grave internal crisis. Many people regard the situation as most critical the Swiss Republic has ever seen. It becomes like that in France just before the Dreyfus case, when the Republican majority began to realize that the reactionary Monarchist and Imperialist parties had all the high commands. Just as the Dreyfus case brought the conflict between Republican France and the Anti-Republican, the "Affairs des Colonnes," as it is called, has precipitated a conflict in Switzerland, a conflict to shake the Republic to its very foundations.

Two of the highest officers in the Swiss Army both holding high rank in the General Staff, are accused of having sent daily reports on the movements of the French troops to the German Military Attache at Bern. It seems that two Colonels are doing their best to set the Army against the nation, and the more hot-headed anti-militarists are using the affair to further their political ends. Under such circumstances the guilt or innocence of the accused runs the risk of becoming merely secondary consideration. The real question at stake is the triumph of one or the other political party.

Burlesque Hockey.

PLAYERS LOSE THEIR HEADS. If ever league hockey was threatened with a "black eye" in this community, ample assurance of it was given at the Prince's Rink last night when the Terra Novas and St. Bon's met, the former winning by 14 goals to 1. The big cold storage plant to be erected at the rink was the subject of exhibitions ever witnessed in the rink was the verdict of the spectators whose misfortune it was to attend. It seemed to be a demonstration of "rough-house" play, combined with a display of bad temper. The officials were Mr. G. Herder, referees, Messrs. C. J. Ellis and J. MacKenzie, Timekeepers. The penalties handed out were:

Callahan (St. Bon's) . . . 31 Min. Crawford (St. Bon's) . . . 8 " Sellars (T.N.'s) . . . 5 "

Everything went well at the beginning, for about five minutes when a main line player committed a breach of the rules and was being penalized for 3 minutes, but he back-analized and had his penalty extended. Play then became very rough and players were not a bit particular about their clothing. Sticks, whistles, playing "guards and points" with sticks and every conceivable way of putting an opponent out of commission was indulged in. This in addition to the language used disgusted the spectators so much that many of them left the rink to see the scene from a safe distance. The climax was reached when one player chased another around the ice and hit him down in the head with his stick. At intervals the game was suspended for brief periods and spectators certainly did not get a square deal in as much as they did not see what they paid to witness.

The final game of the first round of the series will be played to-morrow evening between the Feldians and Victorias. The standing of the teams in order of merit thus far is:

Pld. Wn. Lst. Terra Novas . . . 3 3 0 Feldians . . . 2 1 1 St. Bon's . . . 3 1 2 Victorias . . . 2 0 2

Oil Tanker Reaches Port.

This morning the British steamer Muskagee reached port short of coal. She was 17 days out from Copenhagen bound to New York in ballast. She had just brought across a cargo of oil. It will be remembered the Muskagee was here a few weeks ago and towing a square deal in as much as she was disabled. The Muskagee had a very rough time of it on this trip. Bowring Bros. Ltd. are her agents.

LARGE MAIL.—A large English mail closed at 1 p.m. and will go by the Tabasco.

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Sale of Work at Quidi Vidi.

The Sale of Work held in the C. of E. Schoolroom at Quidi Vidi yesterday afternoon, was a great success, beyond the expectations of any. The ladies had been working for some little time past and yesterday the fruit of their labors was realized when the handsome sum of nearly \$100 was taken. This amount, we understand, will be put towards the painting and beautifying the interior of the little Church of the village. The people of Quidi Vidi and all connected with the sale of yesterday, deserve to be highly congratulated upon the magnificent result of their work. At the close of the sale an impromptu entertainment of songs, recitations, etc., were given which was all fully enjoyed. We understand that the next efforts of the Quidi Vidi ladies will be directed towards helping the W.P.A. fund.

Reids' Boats.

The Argyle is due at Placentia to-day from the Red Island route. The Gloucester arrived at Placentia at 12.45 p.m. yesterday. The Kyle left Port aux Basques at 8.30 a.m. to-day. The Meigle is still harbored at Argonia. The Sagona is due at North Sydney.

Train Notes.

Tuesday's No. 1 arrived at Port aux Basques at 8.30 this morning. Yesterday's outgoing express left Shoal Harbor at 6.50 a.m. to-day. The Southern Shore train arrived at noon and the local train left Junction at 1.45 p.m. Only one or two passengers came along.

Personal.

Mr. E. St. John Hovley came in from Bay Bulls to-day, where he had been on business in connection with the big cold storage plant to be erected at the rink. Mr. Frank Keating, son of Mr. John Keating, Deputy Minister of Finance, was a passenger on the incoming express. Mr. Wm. Coates went to Brigus by this morning's train.

Here and There.

EXPRESS AT 8 P. M. — The express with passengers and mail is due at 8 o'clock to-night.

The Drofnore which left Liverpool on the 1st of the month for here, is due to-morrow at the end of the present week.

RAILWAY WEATHER.—The weather along the railway to-day is S. E. light and snowing. Temperature range from 8 to 20 above.

FRESH COD SELLING.—Some fresh fish which came to the city by the night's Gloucester train, is selling in the city to-day for 7c. per pound.

AT HALF MAST.—The R. N. Coy. have their flag at the railway station at half mast to-day out of respect for the late M. W. Farling, K.C.

RECRUITING—BRIGHTER.—Withing the last few days several recruits have joined the volunteers, and one or two naval enlistments have been placed on the Calypso's roll.

RED CROSS SHIPS.—The Stephano leaves New York to-morrow for Halifax and this port. The Florizal sails to-morrow for North Sydney with freight and passengers, returning with a cargo of coal.

ON DOCK.—The steamers Sam Blandford and Clyde went on the Dry Dock this morning. The former ship will be home the day after to-morrow, collecting a thorough overhauling prior to her prosecuting the sea fishery.

SMYRNA BOMBARDED.

LONDON, To-Day. An Athens despatch says that a squadron of French aeroplanes bombarded Smyrna yesterday.

FEW TRAVELLING.—Very few people are travelling by way of the R. N. Railway, the season being a dull one. To counter-balance this, however, the freight traffic is very large, and the Company have all they can do to handle the big shipments coming in.

GLENCOE'S PASSENGERS.—The Gloucester brought from Placentia yesterday T. Rowe, L. Stoodley, H. Burt, V. J. Parsons, J. Inkpen, Capt. Burgess, E. Ducey, John Norman, C. G. Jarvis, W. Squires, C. Brooks, Mrs. H. Ridley, Mrs. L. Grant, Mrs. S. Mitchell, Mrs. E. Brooke and two second class.

THE MISTY PAST.—A Commercial Bank 5 dollar note was passed over the counter of Mrs. James Bogart's store, on Charlton Street, last evening in payment for some groceries received. A young girl domestic who did not know the "fake stuff" handed out \$3 change in silver, and the customer—a woman—walked off that much richer for the ruse.

NO RISKS TAKEN.—The Immigration authorities at North Sydney are taking no risks, say passengers who are now in this city from the Cape Breton terminal. All those who had the Kyle to come to Newfoundland are keenly questioned as to their intentions, and a passport which such passenger is supposed to possess, is demanded by the officers there.

LIQUORS INCREASED.—As per advertisement, it will be seen that the Liquor Sellers will increase the price of product, beginning the first of next month. The additional charge will be on bottles and jars only, the single drinks to be sold at the present charge. Rum, it is said, will be taxed doubly owing to the big supply consumed by the military in the trenches. The price of our local sellers—have gone up in England.

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