

TO-DAY'S Messages.

11.00 A.M.

WILSON'S ATTITUDE UNKNOWN.

WASHINGTON, To-Day.

The attitude of President Wilson toward the replies of the warring nations to his suggestion that opportunity be given for comparing their peace terms remained undetermined to-night. The official expressed opinion of the problem facing the President is, however, to reconcile the conflicting attitudes of the Central Powers and the Entente Allies on the question of comparing terms.

WAR REVIEW.

LONDON, To-Day.

While Berlin asserts that military engagements are in progress north of the River Aene in France, the British official communication dismisses the situation in that area by merely reporting the capture of an additional small number of prisoners, apparently the result of a patrol raid. Berlin credits the British with two attacks in this sector, and adds that fighting there continues. The British have been successful in raids north of Arras, and the French have captured prisoners in a sortie in the Vosges. In the Oltuz Valley in Moldavia the Austro-Germans continue to advance against the Russians and Roumanians, while in the Suchitza Valley they repulsed attacks by the Russians. Roumanian troops attacked the Austro-Germans in Kasitza Valley and drove them back more than a mile, Petrograd states. The forces of Field Marshal von Mackensen, while apparently inactive around Fokshani, are reported to be progressing between Braila and Galatz. The Russians have been pushed back further toward the Sereth and the town of Laburtea has been taken. Around Riga on the northern end of the eastern front fighting has apparently died down to isolated attacks. Neither Petrograd nor Berlin in their latest statements record any great activity in this region. A Turkish official report of January 11th says a British cruiser of the Juno type, measuring 5,600 tons, was sunk by Turkish gunfire during an attack on the Island of Kasteleorzi, in the Eastern Mediterranean. This report may refer to the British battleship Cornwallis, or the British seaplane carrier Beany-Chree, reported lost by the British Admiralty on Thursday.

EXTRAORDINARY PERSPICACITY OF THE DUTCH.

LONDON, To-Day.

A despatch from Amsterdam says the Dutch are convinced that peace is no nearer now than it ever was. After having read the notes of the Allies to Wilson, and of Germany to neutrals, it is idle to deny that the Dutch regard both sides as out to force conquest. The despatch says that all the Dutch papers recognize that the attitudes of the two groups exclude an early peace. The Socialist paper Volk says the framers of the Allies programme can scarcely believe their demand will be realized.

MORE AUSTRIAN RIOTS.

AMSTERDAM, To-Day.

The news has just leaked out that there were serious popular disturbances at Cratz, Austria, last Saturday and Sunday. Huge crowds thronged the streets demanding an increase of rations. They cried: "We are starving. We want peace." The crowds were riotous and attacked numerous shops.

BRITISH DEFY THE WEATHER IN THE WEST.

WITH THE BRITISH, Jan. 11.

Successful attacks were made this morning by our troops to the north of Beaumont Hamel in which they pushed the Germans off some high ground from which they had observation of British trenches and added another hundred or so prisoners to about two hundred previously taken. It is a continuation of a series of small encounters which happened in this part of the line during the past ten days. They have not been big fights, they were not very important as military value went, although of local importance, but they show very clearly the character of this winter warfare and the policy of hammering the Germans with increasing explosives, giving them no rest, no silence for a nerve cure, no kind of truce whatever. The weather in the country between Sarre and Beaumont Hamel is as bad as anywhere along the battlefield. Behind the German lines there is a series of lakes through which their relief have come up and their transports. The front lines on both sides are not trenches in more than name. Their strong points thrust out into swamps in advance of the ditches which once were good trenches, and may be again if ever rain, snow, and sleet stop falling and sifting down parapets and bars.

Patriotic Operetta.

The presentation by the pupils of the Mercy Convent, Military Road, last night of the Operetta "Cinderella in Flower Land," and the Cantata "The Hours," was well attended, the Archbishop's Library being completely filled. The entertainment was under the distinguished patronage of His Grace the Archbishop, who attended accompanied by Rt. Rev. Mons. McDermott, V.G., Rev. Drs. Greene and Carter, Rev. Fr. Maher, a number of the Christian Brothers and members of the W. P. A. In aid of the funds of which body the entertainment was given. The programme, which was of a very high order, opened with "Cinderella." The performers, who acquitted themselves most admirably, were Misses B. Primm, A. McGrath, H. Donnelly, M. Gibbs, N. Duff, M. Summers, D. Ellis, M. Vincicombe, M. Emerson, M. Kelly, M. Godden, S. O'Connell, M. Porter, M. Stewart, J. McNamara, D. McNamara, K. Gleeson, N. Myler, M. Doyle and M. Hutton. The second part consisted of recitations by Misses M. McGrath and B. Primm, a song by Miss M. Gleeson and the Cantata in which Misses M. McGrath, M. Kavanagh, M. Wiley, M. Ryan and A. Lawlor took part. Miss Kavanagh gave a recitation and the affair concluded with a chorus. Messrs. Hutton, Bradshaw and Bulley supplied the music in their usual excellent manner.

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The Tonnage Problem.

Notwithstanding the efforts of those interested in the trade and commerce of Newfoundland, the tonnage question is just as acute as it was twelve months ago. During that period many vessels were purchased in Canada and the United States by parties in this country to be used in the foreign fish trade, but as many vessels were lost at sea, partly owing to submarine attack. Amongst the shipping that went to bottom since last January, are—Lake Simcoe, Nellie Louise, Pomhook, Adala, Ewart Harris, Spinaway, Earl Kitchener, Harry W. Adams, H.L.B., Ford River, Edith Marguerite and Roma.



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HERRING FISHERY NORTH.

The herring fishery in Green and Notre Dame Bays this season promises to be the best yet. Already a number of Canadian and American schooners have taken cargoes from Green Bay. The herring are of an exceptionally large size and are put up under the Scotch method.

Here and There.

Ayrshire Bacon and Scotch Beef Ham at ELLIS.

SEALS TAKEN.

A few seals have already been taken in nets around Fogo, but there is no ice there.

Turkeys, Ducks, Geese and Chicken at ELLIS.

DETAINED BY FREIGHT.

Owing to the large freight she is taking for the northward, the S.S. Prospero will not get away before Monday morning.

AGAIN POSTPONED.

The preliminary hearing into the Goss manslaughter charge was further postponed to-day till Thursday next.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.

The engagement is announced of Mr. M. Gaul, Chief Steward of R. N. Co.'s ship Ethie, to Miss Bride Kennedy, formerly of Carbonear and now of this city.

GEORGE ST. ABE.

The Class will meet as usual to-morrow afternoon. Lieut. Maddick, who is home on furlough, will give a short address. A hearty invitation is extended to all.

COAL SAVERS.

Fit any grate. All the slack coal can be used up. 60c. and 75c. each. G. KNOWLING'S.—dec16,61s

RECLASSING "MARQUETTE."

The work of reclassing the S.S. Pere Marquette is now being carried on. It is expected that she will run between St. John's and New York in the near future.

Don't forget the Congregational Sociable on Wednesday, Jan. 17th, at 8 p.m. Admission 30c. Candy and Ice Cream for sale, and an excellent programme as usual.—jan13,16

OUR FISH SHIPMENTS.

For the six months beginning July 1st and ending December 31st, 1916, the amount of dry codfish shipped from Newfoundland was 899,421 quintals and 187,974 quintals of pickled fish within the same period.

THE HOME'S LAST TRIP.

The S.S. Home, which left Lewisporte this morning, will call at intermediate ports as far north as Tilt Cove, from where she will proceed direct to this port, having then completed her season's work on the Notre Dame Bay mail service.

QUICK AND EASY.

The Giant Junior Safety Razor, 225,000 sold to the soldiers on the Western front; 60c. with 7 blades; extra blades, 40 cents per dozen, or 3 for 10 cents. CHESEBURY WOODS, 232 Duckworth St., head McBride's Hill, Sole Distributor. Wholesale only. For sale at advertised stores.—oct15,17

S. E. STORM.

Yesterday's S. E. storm on the West Coast was one of the severest for some time. It was severely felt in the city. At intervals the rain showers were unusually heavy. A big sea ran in the narrows, and the spray ascended to Fort Amherst Lighthouse.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CO., Limited.

Gentlemen,—Theodore Doratz, a customer of mine, was completely cured of rheumatism after five years suffering, by the judicious use of MINARD'S LINIMENT.

The above facts can be verified by writing to him, to the Parish Priest or any of his neighbors.

A. OOTE, Merchant, St. Isidore, Que., 12 May, '98.

TO DISCUSS THE MUNICIPAL BILL.

The Joint Select Committee of the Legislature will meet in the House of Assembly at 7.30 p.m. to-day for the purpose of discussing the new Municipal Bill deputation from the old Civic Commission and the Citizens' Committee will also be present to support the findings of their respective civic bodies.

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY.

THE THERAPION No. 1
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N.F.L.D. BRITISH SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING.

The members of the British Society are reminded that the Annual Meeting will take place on Monday, Jan. 15th inst., when the Annual Reports will be submitted and the election of officers for the coming year will take place. All members will please make arrangements to attend according to rules and bye-laws. J. M. CARBERRY, Secretary. Jan.13,17

A MINE THE CAUSE.

ROME, Jan. 12.

It is officially announced that the Italian battleship Regine Margherita struck a mine and sank on Dec. 11th. Six hundred and seventy-five men on board perished and 200 were saved.

BLAIR'S GREAT CASH SALE!

Buy Early and avoid Disappointment

For goods mentioned in this ad. cannot be repeated at present prices when once sold out. We can only give you these special prices because goods advertised were bought some time ago.

Wonderful Values in Underwear.

Men's Stanfield Wool Underwear, all sizes. \$1.29 gar.
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Best Quality Wool Blankets. Sale Price . . . \$4.30 pair
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Men's Eastern Winter Caps from 75c. each
Boys' Navy Sweaters from 79c. each

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Oranges, Apples and Grapes

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Bricklayers' and Masons' Annual.

The annual meeting of the Bricklayers' and Masons' Union was held last night. The reports for the past year were read and adopted. The election of officers for the ensuing year took place and resulted as follows:

President.—J. R. Mullins, re-elected.
Vice-Pres.—Cyprian Burridge, elected.
Treas.—J. Cochrane, re-elected.
Asst. Treas.—James Gallop, elected.
Secy.—James J. Spratt, re-elected.
Asst. Secy.—Wm. Edney, elected.
Marshal.—Geo. Noseworthy, elected.
Executive.—R. Power, W. Donnelly, J. J. Coady, D. Whittle, B. Spratt.
Auditors.—Henry Gallop, David Whittle.

Les Darcy as Seen From a Different Standpoint.

For we hold that in all disaster—As the gods themselves have said—A man must stand by his master
Till one of the two is dead.
"From songs of the Red War boat."
—Rudyard Kipling.

Les Darcy, of Australia

I have seen Les Darcy, of Australia. I saw him in a Broadway restaurant. He was with Tex Rickard. He was laughing and smiling at the men and women who make the place gay. Everybody was pointing him out. "There's Darcy!" they were saying. "The great Australian Fighter!" I didn't go over and meet him. He looks like a pleasant sort of fellow, a good-natured boy, who has the physique that would seem to indicate great prize ring possibilities. I didn't meet Darcy, because as I watched him there rose up before me another picture, far different from the one he made. It was the picture of another man, an Australian. His name was Anthony Wilding, and he was the greatest tennis player in the world until he went to his death in the great war beyond.

All I could think of as I looked at Darcy was Wilding lying dead. Wilding of Australia, a gentleman of education and refinement, doing work that meant something in the cause of civilization, and withal one of the world's greatest athletes, answered the call of his country and was killed. The newspapers ran accounts of his death. Glowing eulogies were printed. But the death of Wilding did not begin to create the furor that the arrival of Darcy has, and Darcy has run away, not from military service, for there is no conscription in Australia yet, but from the possibility of being forced to make the sacrifice that Wilding made voluntarily.

Must Be No Heroics.

There is no great reason to censure Darcy for not enlisting as long as there is no conscription in Australia. Even his running away might be condoned in a measure, for he is very young and may have been poorly advised. There is every reason in the world to censure the attempt to make a heroic figure of him. If this is suffered to be done, it is indeed a sad commentary on the spirit of the American people. Hundreds of thousands of Germans, Frenchmen, Englishmen, Russians, Italians, Canadians, Australians, Irishmen and Bulgarians lie dead on the battlefields of Europe or are in the trenches—men of brains, great artists, literary men, men from the ranks of business, lawyers, doctors, engineers, every type of professional man known. Darcy is a young man whose contribution to the advancement of civilization is ability to fight in a roped ring. His profession is supposed to be fighting, and he would not even stay in his own country and obey a law made necessary by a great war in which his fellow Australians are fighting. And some would make him a hero!

Reids' Boats.

The Aryle left Paradise at 2.25 a.m. yesterday, inward.
The Home left Lewisporte at 11.45 a.m. to-day.
The Kyle left Port aux Basques at 4.10 a.m. to-day.
The Meigle left Fortune at 4.10 p.m. yesterday, going west.
The Sagona reached Port aux Basques this morning.
All other ships at St. John's.

IMPERIAL OIL COMPANY INCREASES ITS BUSINESS.

It is announced that the Vacuum Oil Company, which has been established here for a number of years, has given its exclusive agency to the Imperial Oil Company. The work up on the premises of the Imperial Oil Co. on the Southside is progressing rapidly, and this enterprising concern will soon be in a position to handle efficiently its fast growing business in Newfoundland.

Murder Charge Against Austrian

An Austrian, who answers to a name resembling Mikal Offtchuk, was arrested this morning on a warrant issued by Stipendiary Campbell, charging him with assault occasioning actual bodily harm upon the person of a fellow countryman named George Lomisk. The arrest was made by Detective C. W. Edwards and the accused lodged in jail. Lomisk, the injured man, was subsequently taken to the city hospital where he passed away about one o'clock. Shortly after this hour the wife of the dead man lodged information before Stipendiary Hearn against Offtchuk charging murder and process was forthwith issued. It is alleged the wound inflicted caused a fracture at the base of the skull. Several other defendants are alleged to be implicated and warrants have been issued. An inquest will be held before Coroner Townsend to-morrow morning.—Sydney Record, Jan. 8th.

Train Notes.

Thursday's outgoing express reached Port aux Basques at 3.30 a.m. to-day.
The incoming express left Humbermouth at 8.30 a.m. and is due here at 8 a.m. to-morrow.
The local from Carbonear reached the city at 12.20 p.m. to-day.

SETTLED UP.

We understand that Mr. McGarry, who was reported as leaving the country and a number of unpaid creditors behind him, has met his obligations and settled all accounts.

WEATHER REPORT.

The weather across country is calm and fine; temperature 10 to 20 above.

One of the pretty little serge frocks is made with deep, square yoke and sleeves of rich brocade. The sleeves are finished with a very deep cuff of the serge and the frock is simply straight, and held in with a loose sash.
Meat is an expensive article, but meat once a day is enough for any family, and it need not always be an expensive cut.

CARD.

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