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TO-DAY'S
Messages.

11.00 A.M.
SINGLE MEN BEFORE MARRIED MEN.

LONDON, To-day.
In the House of Commons yesterday, Earl Derby, director of recruiting, when questioned regarding the results of his recruiting campaign, declined to give any figures in advance.

CLYDE MUNITION WORKERS' GRIEVANCE.

LONDON, To-day.
The preliminary report of the Committee which is investigating labor troubles among the munition workers in the Clyde district, made public yesterday by David Lloyd George, Minister of Munitions, the Committee, consisting of Lord Halifax, of Burlington, and Lynden C. McCassey, finds while the munition workers have certain substantial grounds for complaint, most of the differences really arise from minor local friction.

THE FIGHTING IN MESOPOTAMIA.

LONDON, To-day.
J. Austen Chamberlain, Secretary for India, yesterday received despatches from General Sir John Nixon, commanding the Mesopotamia expedition, and communicated the contents to the Commons. General Townshend, who is in charge of the British forces, which retreated from the vicinity of Baghdad, reported to General Nixon that there was heavy musketry fire for an hour on the British front, on December 12th, however, the Turks did not attempt to advance. A heavy attack made on a village on the right bank of the Tigris, was repulsed on the 13th; and a general advance according to report. General Nixon's despatch adds that British reinforcements continue to be sent up the Tigris.

GENERAL HAIG'S CAREER.

LONDON, To-day.
General Sir Douglas Haig, who will succeed Field Marshal Sir John French as commander of the British forces in France and Belgium, is 54 years old. He began his military career with the 7th Hussars, in 1885, and served in the Sudan and South African campaigns, in both of which he won distinguished honors. At the outbreak of the present war he was General Officer Commanding at Aldershot, and afterwards made commander of the first army in France. Several times during the war General Haig has come in for high praise in the despatches of the General he is now succeeding. At the battle of Arras his conduct was described by Marshal French as bold, skilful, decisive. In November of last year, Sir Douglas, then Lieut.-General, was promoted to the rank of General, for distinguished service in the field. Field Marshal French in his despatch to the War Office, described the famous retreat from Mons, credited Sir Douglas with having extricated his corps from a difficult position. He sent urgent messages to the Commander of two French reserve divisions on my right to come up to the assistance of his first corps which the eventually did. He said the Field Marshal, "Partly owing to this assistance, but mainly to his corps he extricated the army from an exceptionally difficult position in the darkness of night, and they were able to dawn to resume their march south towards Wassygnon on Gise." General Haig is a Scotsman and won his first honor under General Kitch-

1st Nfld. REGIMENT.
Casualty List.

DECEMBER 16.
325.—Private Henry Albert Butler, Kelligrews, Seriously Ill; Intar Hospital, Malta, Dec. 11. Enteric.

"H" Co. Inspected by H.E. the Governor, Who Offers Awards

To-day at noon, "H" Company of the Nfld. Regiment was reviewed at the Recruiting Headquarters (C.L.B. Armoury) by His Excellency the Governor. Others present were Sir Edward Morris (Prime Minister), Mr. J. M. Kent, K.C., Mr. J. A. Clift, Mr. R. G. Howland, Dr. Henry J. J. McKay, Mr. T. McNeil besides in uniform were Dr. Paterson, Dr. Burden and Capt. H. Outerbridge. His Excellency was met on arrival by Adjutant G. Ayre. On parade were 140 volunteers who were inspected individually. Following the inspection complimentary and encouraging speeches were made by the Governor and the Prime Minister, after which His Excellency announced that he would offer a prize or award of \$500 to the member of the Nfld. Regiment who would come back from the war with having won the greatest mark of distinction and honor; also His Excellency offered a similar prize for the Royal Naval Reserve.

RETREAT BRILLIANTLY CARRIED OUT.

LONDON, To-day.
The next move in the Balkan theatre of war occupied the attention of the Athens and Salonika correspondents of the British press. There are 200,000 Entente troops at Salonika, according to the Daily Mail, whose Salonika correspondent says that the retreat of the Entente Allies was so brilliantly carried out, that large forces of Bulgarians were so deceived by the rapidity of the manoeuvres, and the precision of the movements of the Entente troops, that they lost much time in bombarding certain positions near Strumitza, which the French forces had abandoned on the preceding day.

THE LONDON BUDGET.

LONDON, To-day.
With the Anglo-French forces safely across the Greek frontier, close to their strongly fortified base at Salonika, where reinforcements are arriving daily, the second phase of the Balkan Campaign, which opened with the Teutonic invasion of Serbia and the defeat of her army has closed. People of the belligerent countries are anxiously awaiting for the next move. It seems fairly settled that the Bulgarians do not intend to invade Greece, an action which would likely cause dissensions in that country, which already is uneasy over the Bulgarian occupation of Monastir; also it is not believed the Austrians and Germans have sufficient troops available to attempt an invasion of the Balkans. Speculation naturally has to do with the Germans and their intentions. They are variously reported to be concentrated near Monastir and Doiran and on the Roumanian border, and are preparing for an attempt to drive the Entente Allies from the Gallipoli Peninsula. All these reports lack confirmation. One thing seems certain to military observers, that the Germans will have to keep a close watch on the Roumanian side, not only because of the danger of that country entering the war against them but to meet the threat of a Russian advance through Roumania, which, although nothing has been said of it recently it has not been lost sight of. Wherever the Germans move they will find the Entente Allies prepared. Salonika is being made stronger daily and has the backing of warships, as has also the Gallipoli Peninsula where the Entente positions likewise have been strengthened. The Russians are believed by military authorities to be able to cope with any army the Teutonic Powers can collect on the Roumanian border, while Egypt is said to be another of their objectives, which has also been placed in a state of defence. There are many persons who believe the Germans propose to rest on their laurels in the Near East for the time being and make a bid for victory on the Western Front. Persistent reports come from Holland of the concentration of German armies in Belgium and Luxembourg with the intention of striking a blow as soon as the ground permits of it.

General Information.

Among the munition workers at the Huddersfield National Ship, Factory are George Herbert Hirst, Wilfred Rhodes, and Schofield Haig, the well known Huddersfield trio of Yorkshire County cricketers.

As evidence of the great part which is being played by Great Britain in the financing of the war, it may be stated that before the present financial year expires (March 31st, 1916), our advances to our Allies and the Entente powers will probably exceed £500,000,000.

Twenty years ago Miss Montgomery of Finsbury Park, set herself the task of collecting a million farthings for the church building fund, St. Paul's, Haringays. The fund is now within measurable distance of completion, only 128,488 more farthings being required.

In Serbia the land belongs to the people, and every grown man has a claim to five acres, which he can neither sell nor have taken from him. His land and its produce are exempt from all claims for debt. Thus the poorest man in Serbia has always five acres to his credit.

Nothing to do with JOFFRE APPOINTMENT.

LONDON, To-day.
General Sir Douglas Haig, who in Nov. 1914 raised from rank of Lieut.-General to General for distinguished service in the field, is to be Commander-in-Chief of the British forces in France and Belgium. The announcement was made last night that General Haig had been appointed to succeed Field Marshal French, who has headed the expeditionary force on the Continent since the war began. That here might be a change in the supreme British Command on the Western front had been hinted for some time. These hints increased with the recent appointment of General Joffre as Commander-in-Chief of the French army. The elevation of General Joffre had no bearing on the substitution of General Haig for Field Marshal French, however, was announced yesterday in the Commons by Premier Asquith. He brought up the matter by saying some changes are in course of being made and will be announced almost immediately. They have no connection of any kind with the changes made by the French Government with regard to General Joffre's functions.

LITTLE DOING ON WEST FRONT.

LONDON, To-day.
(Official)—Last night the enemy exploded a mine southeast of Ypres. The crater however occupied by our bombers and was destroyed by the attack. South of Messines we seized an enemy barricade with trifling loss. Yesterday our artillery had been sent across and done considerable damage to hostile trenches. Our aeroplanes raided heavily a aerodrome successfully. There have been ten combats in the air in the course of which an enemy battleplane was driven down by one of our reconnaissance planes and was forced down within our lines.

LEFT HALIFAX.—The S. S. Tabasco left Halifax at 3 p.m. yesterday, and is due here to-morrow evening.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURE FOR COLDS, &c.

REMOVAL NOTICE.—Mr. F. A. MEWS, Barrister, Solicitor & Notary. Address: City Chambers, Water Street (over Royal Bank of Canada—1st floor). dec16, s, tu, th

Here and There.

FOGOTA.—The Fogota left Cat Hr. early this morning, going north.
Stafford's Essence of Ginger Wine only 10c. a bottle.—d14, ff

KYLE'S EXPRESS.—The Kyle's express is due in the city at 6 o'clock this evening.

STEPHANO LEAVES.—The s.s. Stephano leaves Halifax to-morrow night for this port.

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

CLOSED YESTERDAY.—The Christian Brothers Schools closed yesterday for the Christmas vacation.

Ask your Grocer for Mapleton's Peanut Butter. Made in England.—jly8.eod, ff

WEATHER.—A light southwest wind with snow prevails along the line of railway to-day, with the temperature ranging from 31 to 50 above.

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

FOREIGN MAIL DUE.—An accommodation train from Port aux Basques with a large foreign mail is due in the city at 3 p.m. to-day.

GOES FOR COAL.—The S. S. Neptune is now being overhauled. She leaves shortly for Sydney to load coal.

For Xmas. Locketts set with stones and beautifully engraved. Prices ranging from \$2.00 up to \$12.50, at Trapnell's.—dec13, ff

ALEMIC COMING.—The barque, Alembic, which is having new engines installed at New York, is now on her way here.

PIANOS AND ORGANS.—The famous Kohler and Tonk Pianos. The Needham, Godrich and Mason & Hall Organs. CHESLEY WOODS, 231 Duckworth Street.—aug7, ff

SAGONA'S PASSENGERS.—The Sagona arrived at Port aux Basques at 9.15 a.m. to-day, bringing as passengers in saloon Mrs. A. Cairnes and M. C. Simms.

Just arrived from England: a very pretty line of Wristed Watches, all good make and serviceable. Prices from \$4.00 to \$48.00, at Trapnell's.—dec13, ff

CAPT. CARTY REPORTED ILL.—Private information has reached the city that Capt. George Carty, the Nfld. Regiment, who was at the Dardanelles, is sick and in hospital.

Hand Sewing Machines, \$10.50 each; Foot Sewing Machines, \$25.00 each.—BOWRING BROS. Hardware.—dec14, ff

TO LOAD HERRING.—The schr. Romance entered at Woods' Island yesterday to load herring for the Gordon Pew Co., of Gloucester.

HOLLY, just received in good condition, well berried. Also English Xmas Cakes, iced and uniced. BISHOP, SONS & CO., Grocery Dept. Phone 679. dec1, ff

XMAS FREIGHTS.—The Prospero, sailing to-morrow morning for the northward, and the Portia, leaving Saturday for the west, are taking full freights, Christmas goods.

STOP THAT cough right now by taking a few doses of the old reliable "Call's Safe and Sure Cough Cure." Contains no harmful drugs. Post paid, 30c. G. J. BROCKLEHURST, Carbonara.—nov23, 151.

BANKERS GETTING READY.—Along the S. W. Coast the banking schooners are preparing for the winter fishery which will begin during the first week of January.

IN AID OF THE W. P. A.—A limited number of Calendars, hand-painted by Miss Dorothy Johnson, now on sale at DICKS & CO'S. Bookstore.—dec16, 21

TO-MORROW'S AUCTION.—We beg to call the attention of our readers to the annual letting of the property which appears elsewhere in this issue, announcing that the auction on behalf of the W. P. A. which was to take place to-day has been postponed until to-morrow afternoon. In addition to a piano presented by a benevolent lady there will be some other attractive articles offering. Mr. O'Driscoll is giving his services free and in addition is providing his own orchestra.

THE GIANT JUNIOR SAFETY RAZOR, 50 cents with 7 blades; a great favorite. For cheapness, simplicity, and despatch, beats all others. Sold at the National Stores, The Central Pharmacy, J. M. Devine's and Geo. Langmead's. Order outputs add 5 cents for mailing. CHESLEY WOODS, 232 Duckworth Street, Sole Distributor.—nov20, ff

DIED.—This morning at the Fever Hospital, Eileen, darling child of Patrick and Mary Evans, aged 4 years.

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A remarkable antique ring is included in an exhibition in London, organized by the committee of the Polish Victims' Relief Fund. This ring, which has been given for sale, is symbolic of the restoration and the old political status of the kingdom of Poland. A miniature coffin with a cross embossed on the lid takes the place of a stone. On pressing an eagle at the foot of the coffin the lid lifts and a tiny figure representing Poland rises.

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