

# TO-DAY'S Messages.

11.30 A.M.

## WAR SUMMARY.

**LONDON, To-day.**  
Again the Russian and Rumanian forces along the Moldavian and Dobruja fronts have been compelled to give ground before the advance of the Teutonic Allies. At several points on the Moldavian front, however, Petrograd reports the dispersal of the ranks of the invaders under counter attacks. The drive of the Austrians and Germans eastward from the Transylvanian Alps into Moldavia has given them additional points of vantage, while Field Marshal von Mackensen's army operating northward into Moldavia is approaching the bridgeheads of Pokshani and Pundeti. Between the Dniester River and the Danube, however, the Russians and Rumanians continue to hold their positions. In Dobruja the Russians have been thrown back on the town of Matchin opposite Braila. In the fighting on all these fronts, according to Berlin, more prisoners and much war material has fallen into the hands of the Teutonic Allies. Aside from the Rumanian theatre comparative quiet continues on all fronts, although there have been somewhat spirited engagements on the French lines and in Galicia. Along the entire front in France appear to have been carried out mainly by patrol parties and by artillery wings of the halting armies. Near Verdun and north of Ypres German patrol parties succeeded in reaching the British trenches but later were driven out with heavy casualties. According to the London War Office, on the entire Belgian front artillery duels were violent, while in the Verdun sector near Hadramout and Bezonvaux there has been considerable shelling by both sides. In Galicia in the Brody sector the Austro-Germans launched attacks against the Russians, but were repulsed. The Russians attempted to outflank the Austrians near Riga near Dvinsk and Stanislaw, but did not succeed in making gains.

## FIRE IN ALASKA.

**SEATTLE, Wm., To-day.**  
A fire that broke out this morning in the business district of Valdez, Prince William Sound, Alaska, destroyed nearly all the business district of the famous old mining town. It is reported the fire broke out simultaneously in half a dozen different buildings. Incendiarism is alleged.

## NEW BLOOD IN FRENCH ARMY.

**PARIS, To-day.**  
General Lyautey, Minister of War, is following vigorously the policy begun with the relieving of Joffre of the supreme command of the armies in France and is constantly injecting new blood into the army. One of his first works as Minister of War was the transfer of eleven generals to the reserve, promoting in their places younger men who had made their marks in recent fighting along the Somme and at Verdun.

## FRENCH SHIP SUNK.

**BREST, To-day.**  
The French steamer Leon, 2401 tons, has been sunk by a submarine. The crew were saved.

2.00 P.M.

## MORE SINKINGS.

**LONDON, To-day.**  
Lloyds reports the sinking of the French sailing ship Aconagui, 213 tons, and the British steamer Gosbridge, 1854 tons.

## GREAT BATTLE IMPENDING IN ROMANIA.

**LONDON, To-day.**  
The Russian and German communiques published to-day in reference to the fighting in Rumania are interpreted here as showing that the long and stubborn retreat of the Russian line to the Sereth line is virtually ended. The Fokshany and Fumendi positions mentioned in the Berlin despatch are two of the main points on the fifty miles of fortifications behind which the Russians are expected to make a stand. It is assumed that the "prepared positions" mentioned in the Russian communiques are there along the Sereth and it is believed that a battle which must have important consequences is impending. The flank attack on the Moldavian frontier continues obstinately, but there is nothing to elucidate the confusing reports as to results contained in the respective communiques. Russian and Rumanian forces still hold Braila, maintaining their grip on the bridgehead, which defends their last foothold in Wallachia. The corresponding bridgehead at Matchin in Dobruja has, however, been further reduced by successful German attacks.

## STILL THINKING ABOUT IT.

**BERLIN, To-day.**  
Ambassador Gerard took advantage of a New Year's call yesterday to discuss the Entente answer to Germany's peace proposal with Chancellor von Bethmann Hollweg. The Ambassador is believed to have learned what possibility there is of Germany acting favorably on a renewed request for conditions of peace should the United States make such a move.

## A LITTLE PREMATURE.

**LONDON, To-day.**  
A Stockholm despatch to the Morning Post says that, according to the financial paper Aftarsvarlden, the Hamburg-American and North American Lloyd Lines have circulated their commercial contents to the effect that their ships are ready to receive freight for America from February 1st. The ships of the two lines are

stated to be now undergoing overhauling and equipping. According to this story the Hamburg-American officials announce that they are prepared to resume regular sailings after the conclusion of peace, or possibly earlier if hindrances to shipping are removed.

## ADVANCE FRIGHTFULNESS.

## NEW YORK, To-day.

The passengers arriving here on the Holland-American Line steamer Nieuw Amsterdam say that German mines containing exceptionally high explosives have been planted close to all the large harbours in England, Scotland and Wales. They point to the experience of the Nieuw Amsterdam and their own narrow escape, and confirmation upon her arrival off the port of Plymouth in England from Rotterdam, for at the entrance off Ketchikan steamship Trailer struck a mine and was blown to bits, seven of her crew of twelve men being killed. The trailers then proceeded to the Nieuw Amsterdam, dragging the Channel. The wreckage of the trailer that was blown up was scattered about the harbour mouth as the steamship passed in.

## The Hydro Electric Smelting Plant

Owing to some slight trouble at the Power House, Petty Harbor, sufficient current could not be transmitted over three direct lines leading to the Hydro Electric Smelting Plant yesterday afternoon, but it is expected to be in working order this afternoon. The current necessary for smelting purposes is 110 voltage and a high amperage. As the current enters the plant it is stopped down through transformers before passing to the furnaces. The latter is a marked improvement on the Wile type of electric furnaces. Quite a large supply of raw material taken from the Hydro Electric Smelting Co.'s claims at Trepassy, containing 41 per cent. manganese, will be put through the smelting process.

## Frog Skins for Wounds

A successful method of skin grafting in which frog skin is used instead of human skin as a covering for slow-healing wounds is described by Captain H. W. M. Kendall, R.A.M.C. Wounds in which the skin has been destroyed heal naturally with a contracting scar which is often unsightly and inconvenient, but this method leaves a neat and supple scar. Frog skin can be obtained in abundance at the front. The loose skin of the inner side of the frog's leg is stripped off with scissors, spread out, and applied by its under surface to the wound, which has been cleansed without antiseptics. It is fixed in place by a covering of gutta-percha tissue and a dry dressing. In three days the site of the graft appears as a spot branching outwards towards the edges of the wound. After the fifth day the wound is dressed until healing is completed, all contraction being avoided.

Captain Kendall claims for this method that it has the advantage of transplanting a skin free from their and also free from any disease which might be conveyed in human skin. Twelve cases are described in which the frog-skin grafts were quite successful.—Trib-Bits.

**NOTICE.—The Regular Annual Meeting of the Marine Engineers' Association will be held in the British Hall on Thursday night, January 4th inst., at 8 o'clock sharp. All members are requested to attend. W. MARTIN, Actg. Sec.-Treas.—jan3,11**

## AT THE CRESCENT.

Edith Storey and Antonio Mireno are presented at the Crescent Picture Palace to-day in a classy and novel drama "She Won the Prize." Henry King and an all-star caste in a wonderful sea drama "The Stained Pearl" produced in three reels by a Knickerbocker star features and a roaring western comedy "A Scandal in Hickville." Professor McCarthy plays a first class musical program for this great mid-week show. Don't fail to see it.

## What is an M. P.

The M. P. after many long and weary clumbers in the House, was endeavouring to regain his energy by a week-end tramp. He avoided his own constituency, as it savoured too strongly of hecklers and rotten eggs for his peace of mind, and that was how, on strange ground, he came to lose his way. At last a kindly carter came along and offered him a lift. They jogged along in silence, the M.P. intent upon a speech he would never make, the carter intent upon speculating as to who the M.P. was. This latter proposition bothered the carter so much that he ventured to make inquiries on the subject. "Are you a professional man?" he asked. The M.P. nodded. "Well, you ain't a lawyer," declared the carter, "for you ain't talking, and you ain't a doctor, 'cos you ain't carrying no bag. What's your profession?" "I'm a politician," replied the M.P. "Garn! Politics ain't no bloomin' profession!" exclaimed the Jehu. "Politics is a disease!"

## MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DIPHTHERIA.

# 1st Nfld. REGIMENT. Casualty List.

Received Jan. 3rd.  
2078.—Sergeant Malcolm Hollett, Burnin. Previously reported of serious list, 5th General Hospital, Rouen. Now at Wandsworth.

## Preliminary Hearing of Manslaughter Charge.

The preliminary hearing of the charge of manslaughter, of which James Goss and his wife Elizabeth Goss are accused, began before Judge Morris in private chambers at the Magistrate's Court to-day. The evidence of Doctors Rendell and Scully was taken, after which the hearing adjourned until 3.30 this afternoon. Mr. L. E. Emerson is conducting the case for the Crown, and Mr. W. J. Higgins is representing the accused.

## Crew Very Ill.

A foreign going fish carrier, which went to Pernambuco with a cargo, returned to this port yesterday evening. On arrival was found that practically all her seamen were very ill. At least four, two Newfoundlanders and two negroes, were unfit to be out of bed. It was feared that they had contracted a serious disease common in the warm Brazilian climate and the vessel was held on quarantine until this morning, but such was not the case, however, as an examination by Dr. Campbell showed that the patients were suffering from heavy colds and there was no contagion of any kind on board.

## Obituary.

At Topsail, Dec. 30th, after a protracted illness, Winifred (Winnie), the beloved wife of Patrick Kelly, blacksmith, and daughter of the late Capt. James and Mrs. Kelly, of Placentia, aged 24 years. Deceased lady possessed a very pleasing and amiable disposition, which won for her a host of friends, for to know her was to love her. Stricken with illness about a year ago, she was attended by Drs. Chisholm, Duncan and others, but to no avail. She gradually wasted away until the end, which came very peacefully on Saturday afternoon. She leaves to mourn, besides her young sons, a step-father, Mr. Edward Kelly, and several brothers and step-sisters residing at Placentia, and a large circle of friends and acquaintances. The remains, enclosed in a handsome casket, were followed to the cemetery by a very large concourse of sympathizing friends. The obsequies were conducted by Rev. Fr. Kelly, P.P., of Manuels, and the funeral arrangements were looked after by Mr. Thomas Allan. The remains of one who was much beloved and respected by all were then very tenderly laid to rest in the quiet little cemetery, where the shadow of the guarding hill, there to await the Resurrection morning. May she rest in peace. "Peace, perfect peace, along the homeward way. The homeward way she trod but yesterday. And now at rest with God."—Com.

Topsail, Jan. 2, 1917.

## Amazing Salaries.

Harry Lauder, it is said, is to get £500 a week and a share of the profits of the new theatrical venture in which he has been engaged to appear. He has had over £1,000 for one week's work in Scotland. Caruso is believed to have made a steady £40,000 a year for years past. And Charlie Chaplin, the film favorite, with his minimum of £2,000 a week, still leaves all the other stars behind him. Yet it is not so very long since a Cabinet Minister's salary seemed a really big thing, and "Tommy" is risking life and limb for a shilling a day.—Trib-Bits.

## Prices of Famous Books.

It would be difficult to say which English writer is the most popular, but the palm would probably go to Dickens. He was paid £2,500 for "Pickwick Papers," of which 400 copies only were printed of No. 1, but its popularity was so great that 40,000 copies of No. 15 were printed. For "Edwin Drood" he was paid £14,000, of his novels 4,239,000 were sold from 1870 to 1882. Trollope's novels are not now first favorites, but at one time they were popular enough to bring him in a substantial income. The "Cornhill Magazine" paid him £3,000 for one novel, and in thirty years he made £70,000. "Thackeray got £1,200 for "Edmond," but for "The Newcomers" he received £4,500. Scott wrote "Woodstock" in three weeks, and received over £8,000 for it.

## Live Fish in a Mine.

Live fish have been found in the bottom of a Transvaal gold mine, in a vertical shaft 3,500 ft. deep. They were barbel, from 6 in. to 12 in. long, and up to three-quarters of a pound in weight, and had been merely spawned when they fell. In exceptionally dry weather small bull-frogs have been seen to distend themselves, and deliberately jump down the shaft, apparently in search of water. How they ever reached the bottom alive is a mystery.

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Anthony, Miss J., card, Prescott St.  
Abbott, Miss Eva, care Post Office  
Akenwood, Charlie, Casey St.

**B**  
Baldwin, P. V., care Mr. Parsons  
Best, Miss Ellen, Golf Avenue  
Bradbury, Miss Mary  
Brooks, Mrs. J. Hills, Cookstown Rd.  
Baistone, A. W.  
Bennett, Miss Mary Jane, Water St.  
Byrne, Thomas, Nagle's Hill  
Bell, Miss Daisy, card  
Best, Mr., Holloway St.  
Bolt, Miss Winnie, Leslie St.  
Burton, A., Battery Road  
Burton, Leo, care Gen'l Delivery  
Butt, George, Flower Hill  
Butler, Queen, Brazil's Square  
Bent, Mrs. Annie, Gower St.  
Button, Miss L. P. O. Box 408.  
Brushett, Alexander  
Brett, Miss Lizzie, Casey St.  
Boyan, T. J., Temperance St.  
Byrne, T. J., Nagle's Hill

**C**  
Chafe, Geo. W.  
Campbell, E., care Mr. Hill, Gower St.  
Covel, Francis, Gower St.  
Conarrell, Mrs. Lizzie, Barter's Hill  
Collins, Miss Elsie, Leslie St.  
Cowan, M. H., Springdale St.  
Crowley, Mrs. D., card, Charlton St.  
Cuddahy, Miss Bride  
Care Miss O'Brien, Water St.

**D**  
Dave, W. H.  
Dave, Miss J. St. John's West  
Doyle, Capt. John, care Gen'l Delivery  
Davis, Miss Katie, Gower St.  
Deakin, Mrs. P., Gower St.  
Dillon, Miss Mary

**E**  
Earley, James, care G.P.O.  
Ehlers, Mrs. Wm.  
Elliot, Dorman, Water St.  
Evans, Mrs. Nathaniel, New Gower St.

**F**  
Fabbri, Signora E., Hamilton St.  
Feldham, James  
Foster, Mrs. Chapel Park  
Fleet, Wm., Puntynall Road  
Fleming, G., Balsam  
Freaks, Ephraim  
Fitzpatrick, J., ——— Street  
Flynn, Wm., care Mr. Flynn, Cabot St.  
Ford, William H.  
Care Noah Ford, Reid Co.

**G**  
Goote, Ambrose  
Flight, Mrs. John, 3 ——— Street

**H**  
Guina, Wm., George St.  
Gorman, Mrs. George, Power St.  
Gibbs, Mrs. John, Signal Hill

**I**  
Hartley, Mrs. James, ret'd.  
Haynes, Master Robert  
Care General P. Office

**J**  
Hallett, John, care General P. Office  
Hart, Wm.  
Hewitt, Stephen, Allandale Road  
Hart, Jonas, care W. J. Davidson  
Hearn, James, care G.P.O.  
Heard, M. R.  
Hilton, Mr., George St.  
Hodder, Mrs. William  
Hobbs, George, care Gen'l Delivery  
Hobbs, Mrs. J. P.  
House, Gilbert, Freshwater Road  
Holmes, Mrs. A., Hayward Avenue  
Hopkins, Mrs. J., card  
Hobbs, George, care Gen'l Delivery  
Hopkins, Mrs. James  
Care Gen'l Delivery

**Hunt, Mrs.**  
Hussey, Mrs. S., Angel Place  
Hurley, Mrs. M., ret'd.  
Hurdward, M.  
Hickey, Mrs. Gerald, card.  
McFarlane Street  
Hayward, Miss Stella, Patrick St.

**I**  
Iverson, Fred.  
Care James Clancey, Newtown Rd.

**J**  
Jones, Archibald  
Jackson, Mrs. Henry  
Jaynes, Nellie, card  
James, Mr., New Gower St.  
James, Mrs., Alexandra St.  
James, Miss Flossie, card  
Jake, Willie, Casey St.

**K**  
Kehoe, Miss Annie  
Kavanagh, Charles, Kitchen Place  
King, Mrs. Albert, New Gower St.  
Knight, William, care Post Office  
Knight, George, care Post Office  
Knight, Miss Beatrice  
Kean, Roland

**L**  
Leahy, Mrs. Bertha, LeMerchant Rd.  
Kerivan, Miss Nellie, Gower St.  
Kelly, Mrs. James, Gower St.

**L**  
Lannon, Mrs. Matthew  
King George Institute  
Lannigan, Mrs. John, care R. Harris  
Pace, Mrs. H., Bond St.  
Leonard, Mrs. P. J., Goodview St.  
Lamburg, Miss Jane  
Lefkowitz, Frank, Long Pond, City

**M**  
Matthews, Miss Lizzie  
LeMerchant Road  
Martin, Mrs. John  
East End Post Office  
Martin, Miss Annie, Freshwater Road  
Martin, James, Newtown Road  
Mackey, John, Plymouth Road  
Martin, Mrs. Henry, Bannerman St.  
Miller, Peter, Flower Hill  
Morris, E., card  
Moore, Miss Bell  
Care Royal Stores Factory  
Moore, Herbert, card  
Morgan, Miss P., South Side  
Mullaly, William, Pleasant St.  
Murphy, Mrs. John, Osborne House  
Murphy, Michael, card  
Miller, Miss S., Forest Road  
Maher, Mrs. Ellen

**Mc**  
McGrath, B., Brine St.  
McLeod, Mrs. Brine St.  
McLean, Miss Mary  
McLean, J. A., care Reid Nfld. Co.  
McLoughlan, Miss Angela  
Allandale Road

**N**  
Nonnan, Joseph, Flavin St.  
Neal, Mrs. Wm., Stephen St.

**O**  
O'Mara, Minnie, ret'd.

**P**  
Parsons, Miss Jessie  
Care Mr. White, LeMerchant Rd.  
Pye, L., Prescott  
Perry, Flossie, Gilbert St.  
Parey, Alfred, Allandale Road  
Perdval, Miss Nagle's Hill  
Pierce, George, Park Grand Falls  
Porter, Miss Madeline, card.  
Scott, ——— College Square

**P**  
Power, Miss P., late Branch  
Powers, Edwin, Gower St.  
Power, J. P., Gower St.  
Power, Miss Annie, Gower St.  
Power, Miss P., Prescott St.  
Power, Mrs. Peter, Duckworth St.  
Purcell, Peter, late Hr. Grace  
Penney, J., late Bonne Bay

**R**  
Ryan, John, Smithville  
Riggs, Miss Nellie, 34 ——— St.  
Robinson, R., Alexander St.  
Roberts, George  
Ronayne, Miss C. A.

**S**  
Shears, Wm., Springdale St.  
Shaw, Miss Brie, Crosbie Hotel  
Sheppard, Miss May, card, Prescott St.  
Sheppard, Miss Violet  
Imperial Tobacco Co.  
Simmons, Mrs. Wm. H.  
Simmons, C., Pleasant St.  
Smith, Miss M. R.  
Smith, J. P.  
Scott, Miss Georgina  
Snow, Wm., care Imperial Tobacco Co.  
Student, Albert, George's St.  
Sullivan, Miss Jose, Bannerman St.  
Squires, Miss Sarah, Henry St.  
Squires, Miss M. E., LeMerchant Rd.  
Skeffington, Miss Frances  
Stuckland, Miss Minnie, card.  
Pleasant Street

**T**  
Taylor, Mrs. Corbet, Monroe St.  
Tuck, Walter  
Turpin, Miss M., late Hospital  
Thompson, Wm., New Gower St.

**U**  
Uphall, Miss Madge, 15 ——— St.

**V**  
Vokey, James A., Prince's St.

**W**  
Wiseman, Miss Ella  
Care Mrs. Phillips, Springdale St.  
Whiteaway, Mrs. A. K.  
White, Barton, card  
Wiseman, John J., card  
Wall, J. W., West  
Wall, Miss Elsie, card  
Watson, Miss Lucy  
Care C. J. Howlett, Water St.

**Y**  
Young, Edward

## In Milady's Boudoir.

moed, great care being taken to wipe all the emollient away from the base of the nail.

For the polishing one needs a jar of nail paste and a small polishing stone, which is more convenient and less wasteful than the old-fashioned powder. Each nail is touched with a small amount of the paste, the polishing stone is rubbed over the diamond skin buffer and then the shining-up process begins.

Ply the polisher briskly. Since the paste and dry substance are both worked into the cuticle to a certain extent, the polishing must be followed by a "once over" with the oranges' wood stick, which has been dipped in the soapy water.

Rinse the hands in clear cold water, dry very carefully, give a final polishing with the palms of the hands and finish up with a few drops of violet water.

The small rim of epidermis which laps over the nail should be gently released, every morning with the orange wood stick after the hands have been carefully bathed.

While spots which sometimes flare the nails are caused by the use of metal instruments at the base of the nail or by a stoppage in the flow of the nutriment juices. No extra application will remove them. Time that heals all our wounds will do away with these little white speckles, which after all, are not of sufficient importance to worry about.

## The Delicate Finger Nails.

In treating the finger nails the greatest care and delicacy should be exercised. The orange wood stick and a little friction will do better work than the cuticle knife and the scissors. Never scrape the nail. Scraping causes ridges and increases the thickness of texture.

After grooming each finger end, dry with a soft bit of old linen and anoint with a cucule cream until time to polish, when the cream may be re-