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To-Day's Messages.

POLLEN PREDICTS GREAT NAVAL BATTLE.

TORONTO, To-day. Arthur Pollen, the eminent naval expert, in an interview here to-day predicts a naval battle of unimaginable violence and destructiveness as one of the probably closing scenes of the war. Pollen came here to address the local Navy League, the Canadian Club and other organizations. "If Germany sustains a crushing defeat in the West," said Pollen, "I will expect to see her entire fleet employed in a desperate attempt to achieve control of the seas and as a result take part in an engagement with the massed naval powers of Britain in such a battle as the earth has never seen, a battle that will result in the utter destruction of Germany's great fleet and doubtless a very great part of ours, a battle in which entirely new methods, new engines of destruction and new tactics will be necessarily employed, and for which in all likelihood Germany would assemble her entire fleet of submarines, all her Zeppelins as supplementary participants. The submarines would not likely be a strong factor to such a colossal battle of the sea, although the long range torpedo unquestionably would."

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CALLING UP SCHOOLBOYS.

AMSTERDAM, To-day. Intimations that Germany is planning to force boys of 16 and 17 years into the army is contained in an appeal appearing in the Essen General Anzeiger, that they immediately join the juvenile corps. "This great struggle is between nations," says the paper, "will necessitate those who are now 16 and 17 being called up at no very distant date for army service."

THE CHINESE REBELLION.

PEKING, To-day. The rebels have taken the city of Chungking. A state of panic exists there. Japanese marines have landed to protect foreigners.

GREAT ACTIVITY IN MACEDONIA.

WASHINGTON, To-day. Fighting has resumed on the Macedonian front and despatches received here to-day describe the activities of the Bulgarians as surprising. Their airmen have been particularly active in reconnaissance work; many of them have been downed by British airmen. French anti-aircraft guns and machine guns. The fighting covered the front from the Struma to the mouth of the Mahajusa, which practically bounds the Italian position in Albania, and a number of Bulgarian patrols have been captured by the French who are installed in vantage places overlooking the Valley of the Vardar and especially on the hills above Monastir. British aviators, the despatch says, are continuing the bombing of the Bulgarian rear.

U. S. FORMALLY RECOGNIZES SWISS NEUTRALITY.

BERNE, To-day. The American Minister to-day handed to the political Department a note informing the Federal Council that the United States formally recognizes the neutrality of Switzerland, declaring itself in complete agreement with the Allies on the subject of respecting Swiss neutrality and the inviolability of Swiss territory so long as the Confederation maintains neutrality and the enemy respects that neutrality. The Journal de Geneve welcomes the formal recognition of Swiss neutrality by the United States as extremely important in strengthening and consolidating the international situation in Switzerland.

TO PROSECUTE HUMBERT.

PARIS, To-day. It is reported that the Government to-morrow intends to ask the Senate for authorization to take action against Senator Charles Humbert, owner of the Paris Journal, for his connection with Bala Pasha.

SUGAR PROSPECTS BETTER.

NEW YORK, To-day. Prospects are bright for an early return of normal conditions so far as sugar is concerned, according to a statement by Jas. P. Post, Chairman of the American Refiners' Commission, to-day. The availability of the crop from the West Indies soon after New Year. It is said, would tend to eliminate the existing stringency and the situation might be expected to approach normal by February.

WAR REVIEW.

LONDON, To-day. While for the moment there are no infantry operations of great magnitude in progress on any of the numerous battlefronts, indications are not wanting that shortly the Cambrai sector in France and the Northern line in the Italian theatre will again witness

LATEST

GERMAN OFFICIAL.

BERLIN, To-day. Following is the text of to-day's official on the Western theatre:—Crown Prince Rupprecht, On the Flanders front there has been much lively artillery activity. In the afternoon fighting increased considerably between Inchy and Bourlon, enemy attacks south of Moeuvres broke down. We took a few prisoners. Sections of British trenches at and south of Maroing were cleared of the enemy. South of St. Quentin there was increased artillery and mine fire. German Crown Prince and Grand Duke Albrecht in many sectors lively reconnaissance activity on both sides led to violent fighting. On the eastern front and the fronts of Archduke Joseph and Field Marshal Von Mackensen spreading to the Romanian troops. In Macedonia strong enemy detachments which pushed forward to the west shore of Ochrida Lake and northwest of Dofran Lake were driven back.

PARIS CONFERENCE CONTINUED.

LONDON, To-day. The section decided to make the disposition necessary to make the front of Belgium and northern France to accomplish its program. As to provisions and transportation, the section decided to the Conference a declaration to the effect that the prolongation of the war having led to the consumption of products of all sorts and of proportion to production, it was evident that the available resources, whether in the Allied or neutral countries, were unequal to the actual needs and that it would be necessary to extend the general principles laid down by the American Government. Naval sections: A conference was held at the Ministry of Marine in Paris on Nov. 29; M. Leygues, Minister of Marine, presided. The conference was composed of representatives of the Naval staffs and commanders at sea to their Governments concerning operations, as well as the employment of strategic and tactical forces placed under their command, will remain without change. The Council will be composed of Ministers of Marine of the nations represented and the Admiralty chiefs. As the meetings of the Council will be held in Europe, the United States and Japan will be represented by officers appointed by their respective Governments. The inter-Allied Naval Council will be provided with a special secretariat which will take charge of all documents, etc., and will meet as often as desirable under the presidency of the Ministry of Marine of the country where the meetings take place. The different ministers of marine will be willing to furnish the Council with every information of a nature that would require to be submitted to and examined by the Financial Section.

ON THE ITALIAN FRONT.

ROME, To-day. The text of to-day's official report covered the front from the Struma to the Asiago Plateau the enemy, after having gathered a formidable array of artillery and renewed and increased his forces which had severely suffered in the previous week, has begun an attack on our position. The first assault was launched yesterday and was firmly held up by us, and the only advantage obtained by the Austro-Germans at the price of heavy losses was a gain of some positions which has not weakened the firmness of our resistance. Preceded by a destructive bombardment which continued most violently for several hours and accompanied by heavy bursts of artillery, the enemy made a double attack on a strong point of Mellette. The first attack, from the northwest, after several attempts to advance was arrested by our barrage and finally broken up. In the afternoon on a section of Monte Sizenoi and the southwestern slopes of Melette di Gallo with heavy hand-to-hand fighting the enemy was decisively repulsed with heavy losses and left us also some hundred prisoners. The second attack, from the northeast, was brought forward with larger forces and greater tenacity between Monte Tondarecar and Monte Radeneche. Here after exceedingly fierce fighting lasting until early this morning the occupation of some trenches which the enemy was able to effect counselled us to withdraw some of the more advanced portions of the line. At Zenson on the Piave, as a greater movement had been noted, one of our storming parties well supported by artillery, which destroyed five small bridges thrown across the river at this point by the enemy, attacked the enemy at the bend of the river, inflicting losses on him and bringing back prisoners and machine guns.

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ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of Royal Oak Lodge, No. 22, L. O. A., took place at their lodge rooms last night and was largely attended. Bro. Geo. W. Gusbe, P.M., took the chair and conducted the election of officers, which resulted as follows:—
W.M.—Bro. A. Melvin, re-elected.
D.M.—Bro. Rev. Dr. Edgar Jones, re-elected.
Chaplain—Bro. Geo. Cooper, re-elected.
Financial Secretary—Bro. R. Dawe, elected.
Treasurer—Bro. Jos. M. Wiseman, elected.
Lecturers—Bro. Thos. Noseworthy, re-elected; Bro. Arthur Harris, re-elected.
Director of Ceremonies—Bro. S. French, elected.
General Committee—Bro. Levi Froude, re-elected; Bro. Wm. Hapgood, elected; Bro. Louis Davis, elected; Bro. H. Martin, elected; Bro. Lorenzo Penney, elected.
The installation ceremony will be held on December 26th.

Personal.

Mr. M. D. Dawson, Representative of The Grolier Society of London, Publishers of The Book of Knowledge, has been at Grand Falls for the past few weeks. He is leaving in a few days for St. John's. During his visit he will introduce The Grolier Society's wonderful publication THE BOOK OF HISTORY, a complete history of all nations and all races of the world from the earliest times, with over 8,000 illustrations, 6,700 pages.

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AT THE CLUB ROOMS.—Various organizations are now preparing to hold card tournaments in their club rooms during the winter.

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OUR VOLUNTEERS.—Most of the volunteers in training are on leave. About fifty men were engaged at indoor drill yesterday.

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IMPROVING.—Mr. A. G. Williams,

who recently went to New York to undergo treatment to his eyes, is now much improved and is expected to leave for home shortly.

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FRESH HERRING IN MARKET.

In and around St. John's fishermen secured a deal of herring and sold them in the city at thirty cents per dozen, the demand exceeding the supply.

OUR VOLUNTEERS.—The following

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