

TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

HE WHO RUNS MAY "REED."
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.
Declaring the four power Pacific treaty to be "the death warrant of China," Senator Reed, Democrat, of Missouri, speaking in the Senate today expressed his belief it was brought here by Japan and England and practically agreed to in advance. Adherence to the treaty, he said, makes America a party to the rape of Shantung.

DAIL WILL VOTE MONDAY.
DUBLIN, Dec. 16.
A public session of Dail Eireann has been fixed for Monday morning, and vote on ratification will then be taken.

SHOULD BE MORE EXPLICIT.
WINNIPEG, Dec. 16.
Wholesale business throughout Canada is showing a distinct falling off, except in a few lines, this no doubt being due to the approach of Christmas and the fact that retailers are mostly stocked up for the holidays and are busy with season's sales, stated the weekly review of Canadian Credit Men's Association.

BORAH ON THE WAR PATH.
NEW YORK, Dec. 16.
Senator Wm. Borah, of Idaho, declared in an address that he would vote in the Senate for the cancellation of every dollar of European debt to United States. Borah would put himself right by revising the Versailles Treaty, so that masses of her people could benefit in the original spirit of peace. Senator Borah launched a bitter attack at the Versailles pact, asserting it has broken up races, and completely prevented laws of economics from operating. He attacked the alleged reactionary utterances of Premier Briand at the Washington Conference, and said they expressed the war psychology of three years ago.

GUN RUNNERS CAPTURED.
SAN PEDRO DE MACORIS, Dec. 16.
The Spanish gunboat Bonifaz has captured two French sailing vessels, which were conveying consignments of arms and munitions to Moorish insurgents, and sunk another vessel engaged in the same occupation, it was announced in an official report.

THE CRAFTSMAN OF FRANCE.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.
The French delegation has presented a proposal for a great increase in the strength of the French navy, that British declare such a program, if carried out, would upset the whole plan for the 5-5-3 naval reduction. Although not yet entirely revealed, the British understand that the French plan provides for the construction of ten 35,000 ton super dreadnaughts, in ten years, subsequent to 1920. Vessels of a similar type to United States battleship Maryland would give France a capital ship tonnage of 350,000 as against 315,000 for Japan, and preponderance of new "post Jutland" type of craft over all nations.

TENSION IN ULSTER.
LONDON, Dec. 17.
With the ratification of the Peace Treaty completed in the Imperial Parliament, all eyes were turned today on Dublin. The arrival of the statement issued in Dublin, last night, calling for a public session of Dail for Monday, was signed by both Eamonn De Valera and Arthur Griffith, instead of De Valera. Further reports of a feeling of exasperation in Ulster are given in Belfast despatches to the Morning Post. The Post's correspondent says the division between the rival parties is becoming more marked, and that the boycott of Protestant shopkeepers in Tyrone and Fermanagh is more effective than ever. Protestants are retaliating by dismissing Catholic employees.

WHY DE VALERA?
NEW YORK, Dec. 17.
Members of the Commission named by a committee of one hundred to investigate conditions in Ireland, sent cablegrams to Premier Lloyd George and Eamonn De Valera yesterday, congratulating them on the Anglo-Irish agreement for the creation of an Irish Free State.

FINAL DECISION NEXT WEEK.
DUBLIN, Dec. 17.
Final decision on the Irish peace treaty by Dail Eireann can be expected on Wednesday, but not before according to information from authoritative Sinn Feil circles. The debate on the motion for ratification is to be made at a public session, opening 11 o'clock Monday morning, to allow full publicity to views of conflicting sentiment of Dail, will, it is thought, occupy the session on Monday and Tuesday. Members of Dail assembled today for a continuance of the secret sessions of the last three days.

UKRAINIAN ASKS CONSIDERATION.
LONDON, Dec. 17.
Another bid for consideration of Russia at the council table of the powers, was made by Leon Kravchin,

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the Russian Bolshevik Minister Trade and Commerce, when he opened the long awaited conference with Premier Lloyd George yesterday. It urged that the question of Russian debt be discussed at the forthcoming Anglo-French conference at Chequers Court.

THE PRINCE'S TOUR.

LONDON, Dec. 17.
The Prince of Wales, who is now touring India, is spending a few days tiger hunting as the guest of Maharajah Sir Chandra Shumshoe Jung of Nepal, says a Reuter despatch from Delhi. He has visited eight ruling Princes and many places. In spite of Bazaar rioting in Bombay and Hartals in Akmare, Lucknow, Allahabad, and Benares, his reception everywhere has been of a gratifying character.

THE FLY IN THE OINTMENT.

BELFAST, Dec. 17.
Last evening there was considerable shooting in several districts of the city, especially in the eastern part. Three persons were wounded. Fierce fighting broke out in New Town towards Road section and East Belfast this morning. The firing was so intense that the tram service was suspended. Lewis guns were used against rioters by Crown forces. An employee of the tram service was shot dead, and at least six persons are known to have been wounded.

IN THE TOILS.

WARSAW, Dec. 17.
Plots and counterplots reading like a chapter from fiction, were involved in the search for clues in many parts of Europe by United States Secret Service agents, which resulted in the arrest here, yesterday, of Wolfe Lindenfeld, alias William Linde, in connection with the Wall Street explosion in New York in September, 1920. Lindenfeld has fully confessed, the authorities say, naming the ringleaders in the plot, which he declared was aimed at J. P. Morgan. The suspect has named five principals, now in Europe, who received thirty thousand dollars from the Moscow Third International through New York Communists.

No Time for Argument

A smart young lady got into a tantrum. There was only standing room and old man got up. "Now, now, sit still, I can stand up quite well," she said. "I—" began the old gentleman, but she interrupted him, gave him a gentle push, and said sweetly: "I am quite all right; do sit still." "I—" began the old gentleman, and again she interrupted him. "Confound you!" he burst out. "I want to get out!"

Keeping in the Swim.

It had been raining steadily all night, and in consequence the field was more like a lake than a football ground. But the sun was shining now, and a big crowd had assembled to see the game, so the referee decided that the match could not be postponed. "What!" gasped the captain of the visiting team. "Surely you're not going to make us play under these conditions?" "Certainly!" replied the knight of the whistle; then, seeing an angry retort forming on the captain's lips, he added: "Now don't hang about. You've won the toss. Which side are you taking?" "Well, if we must play," came the answer. "I guess we'll kick with the tide!"

The Lucky Thirteen.

VILLAGERS IN THE WAR WHO ALL CAME BACK.
Woolley, a pretty little village to the north of Bath, with a population of about a hundred, claims to be the luckiest village in England. It sent the traditionally unlucky number of 13 men to the war, and they are now all back safe and sound in their homes. There was an impressive service of thanksgiving in the church when the Archdeacon of Bath unveiled a tablet erected by the villagers to commemorate this unique deliverance.

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