

TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

BROKE THE SEALS.

ATHENS, Dec. 26. Seals were broken on the apartments of the late King Alexander today. Queen Sophie, Madam Lamos, (King of the Ministry of Justice) were present. Jugo Slavia has announced that before renewing her alliance with Greece, she will wait until the Allies have declared their policy.

HAD SOFT NOSED BULLETS.

DUBLIN, Dec. 26. Two men, who fired on Crown forces to-day at Tralee, were shot dead by the military, when they tried to escape. They had revolvers and "dum dum" bullets in their possession.

NOT SO BAD AS REPORTED.

LONDON, Dec. 26. The British steamer Chicago City, which was reported in distress off the Newfoundland Banks, with a bad list, has been sighted, and is proceeding to Malmö, Sweden, according to a wireless message received at the Admiralty from the steamer Queen Louise, which had gone to the assistance of the former vessel.

FIVE PLAGUES.

ROME, Dec. 26. "The world is afflicted to-day by five great plagues," said Pope Benedict, replying to the greetings of the Sacred College, presented by Cardinal Vanutelli, as Doyen, at a reception to the Pontiff. The Pope enumerated as the negation of authority, hatred among brothers, thirst for pleasure, dislike for work and forgetfulness of the supernatural objects of life. "These evils can only be overcome with the aid of the Gospel," said the Pope, and therefore he would never cease to remind people of it, this being his mission and his intention.

TAXING THE DRINKS.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 26. "Dry" forces have succeeded in getting through the Dutch Parliament, after a hard fight, a law increasing the internal revenue on spirits fifteen per cent, and on beer one hundred per cent, after January 1.

LAWLESSNESS.

CORK, Dec. 26. Thirty armed and masked raiders invaded the offices of the Cork Examiner on Xmas Eve, broke the machinery with hammers, wrecked parts of the building with explosives, and set fire to the property. They escaped before the arrival of the police. The fire was extinguished but other damage was very extensive. The raiders, who wore civilian clothing, said they were acting under orders of the Irish Republic.

QUALITY OF LOYALTY.

TRIESTE, Dec. 26. General Cavaglia, on Friday, ordered the occupation of advanced positions around Fiume, in consequence of recent incidents, and the threatening attitude taken by D'Annunzio's legionaries. In the operations the Poet's soldiers offered armed resistance to the advancing troops, who lost five men killed and thirty wounded. Many of the legionaries in command of D'Annunzio are said to realise now the impossibility of being loyal to both their commanders and their native country. It is reported that fifteen Bersaglieri left Fiume immediately before General Cavaglia's blockade was instituted, going to Italy. The Poet's troops, who are kept moving constantly, and the idea of mining the Delta at the port of Barrois is again being considered. The more numerous of the legionaries are accumulating stores of arms and machine guns behind the frontier lines. Ardeleglia and San Marco, under blockade by the Italian fleet, are already beginning to feel the scarcity of food.

ROSALIND HAS WINTER PASSAGE.

HALIFAX, Dec. 27. The Red Cross steamer Rosalind arrived here yesterday from St. John's, Nfld., heavily coated with ice, after a typical winter passage. Sixteen passengers landed here and 25 are en route to New York. They had Christmas dinner aboard.

OFFICIAL THANKS.

BERLIN, Dec. 27. President Ebert has issued a proclamation of the appreciation of the sympathy of foreigners for needy Germans, and specially thanked Quakers and other organizations, which have been feeding children and hungry students.

WON FREE FOR ALL RACE.

LONG BEACH, Calif., Dec. 27. Flying at 148.8 miles per hour, Capt. E. E. Bratten, United States Army aviator, on Saturday, won the hundred mile free-for-all race for the Albert H. Hayes challenge trophy, the opening event of the National Winter Air Tournament.

NEWFOUNDLANDER DIED AT HALIFAX.

HALIFAX, Dec. 27. Israel Hatcher, sixty-three, of St. John's, Nfld., died at Victoria, General hospital on Xmas Eve of pneumonia. He came here two weeks ago, as a member of the crew of schooner

Address & Presentation

TO BUSINESS MANAGER OF THE "ADVOCATE."

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