

TO-DAY'S Messages.

11.00 A.M.

SAW NO SUBS.

NEW YORK, To-day. The Cunard Line steamer Pannonia arrived to-day from London after a stormy passage requiring 18 days. No submarines were sighted during the voyage, it was stated.

FRENCH ADVANCE CONTINUES.

PARIS, To-day. The advance of the French troops continued to-day between the Aisne and the Aisne along a front of 50 kilometres (about 31 miles) according to an official communication issued by the War Office to-night. French cavalry entered Nieuille in the direction of Ham on the Somme River. The French forward movement reached a depth of about twelve and half miles. North of Soissons the French have occupied Crouy and in the same district have taken the villages of Carlepoint, Morvan and Nouvionville.

THIS OUGHT TO SETTLE IT.

WASHINGTON, To-day. Consul Frost, at Queenstown, reported to the State Department to-night the sinking by a German submarine of the American steamer City of Memphis, saying that forty-nine survivors had been picked up and that the Admiralty vessel was searching for 8 missing. The department announced that a despatch from Consul General Skinner at London said it was reported that the City of Memphis, Illinois and Vigilance, all American steamers had been sunk later without warning. The message added some of the crew of the City of Memphis had been landed, and a patrol boat had gone to pick up the crew of the Illinois.

FRENCH TAKE NOYON.

PARIS, To-day. (French official.)—Noyon, Vigre and the town of Noyon were occupied by French cavalry detachments by 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

THE BRITISH SUCCESSES.

LONDON, To-day. Bapaume, the centre of the German defences on the Aisne River front fell into British hands this morning. Simultaneously Achiet Le Petit to the northwest of Bapaume and Le Transloy, a town almost the same distance to the southwest, were, according to press despatches from army headquarters, entered by British troops. Bapaume was set on fire by the Germans before their departure, but only occurred after stiff fighting. The fall of Bapaume had been anticipated for some time. The capture of Achiet Le Petit and Le Transloy were looked upon as a necessary consequence of that event. The British public, however, hardly had hopes for a quick result. Continued British pressure followed the German retirement and it was believed the Germans would make a stubborn resistance on the Bapaume ridge so as to enable them to retire from the Arras Salient, which now become more pronounced than ever. Apparently the British followed up the advantage gained in recent operations, prevented this being done and as a result the German retreat on a much larger scale is expected by military writers.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

LONDON, To-day. A British headquarters statement reads: We have occupied Nieuille, Chaumes and Peronne. Pressing back the enemy's rearwards we advanced several miles during the past 24 hours to a depth up to ten miles at places on a front of approximately 45 miles from South of Chaumes to the neighbourhood of Arras, using cavalry and infantry. The statement continues, on both sides of the Meuse fighting activity is marked. In the east there is nothing important. Engagements between Oehrida and Preshe Lakes and north of Monastir were resumed to-day and have not yet ended.

FRUITLESS RAID.

LONDON, To-day. Some enemy torpedo boat destroyers approached the Kentish coast at 12.45 o'clock on Sunday morning. They fired a number of shells at certain coast towns. There was no casualties and the material damage was slight. Some occupied and 2 empty houses being hit.

CHINA COMING IN.

PEKING, To-day. After announcing the severance of diplomatic relations between China

and Germany, the Foreign Minister, Wu Tingfang, called a meeting of the Ministers of the Entente Nations and later a meeting of the Ministers of Neutral countries. He presented a memorandum at both meetings requesting the suspension of the payments of indemnity for the boxer uprising, and consent to an increase in import duties and a modification of China's undertakings which will permit her to station troops at Tien Sunz along the Tien Tsun-Peking railway and a legation quarter as a protection against Germany. The Dutch legation is protecting German interests and guarding the German legation. The German Ministers and staff will probably leave Peking for Shanghai within five days. Denmark is looking after Chinese interests in Germany. In the light of a previous despatch from Peking, the action taken by the Chinese Foreign Minister indicates that the Government is preparing to enter the war with the Entente. It is said in these despatches that negotiations to obtain suspension of the payments of indemnity and permission to increase port duties.

PROCLAMATION TO BAGDAD.

LONDON, To-day. Major General Frederick Stanley Maude, Commander of the British forces who recently occupied Bagdad, in Mesopotamia, has issued a proclamation to the people of the city declaring his armies have not come as conquerors, but as liberators. "Since the days of Halacha," says the proclamation, "your city and your lands have been the subject of the tyranny of strangers. Your palaces have fallen into ruins, your gardens sunk in desolation, your forefathers and yourselves have groaned in bondage, your sons have been carried off into war not of your seeking, your wealth has been stripped from you by unjust men and squandered in distant places. Since days of Halacha, the Turks have talked reforms, yet do not the ruins and wastes of to-day testify to the reality of those promises?" The proclamation says that British and Bagdad merchants traded with profit and in mutual friendship for 200 years while the Germans and Turks have despoiled them for 20 years and made Bagdad a centre of power from which to assault the power of Great Britain.

RUSSIA SETTLING DOWN.

PETROGRAD, To-day. With the final commencing of the work of the new Government upon the ruins of the old, the new Cabinet Ministers are relieved from the heavy grind of the endless conferences of the last few days, in which they suffered many anxious hours, and have assumed the posts to which they were assigned. Professor Milukoff spent yesterday at the Foreign Office. In the afternoon he reviewed the diplomatic representation of the Allies, after which he entered upon a long Cabinet Conference. One of the first acts of the Minister was to send a series of cable messages to Russian diplomats abroad, to the effect that Russia was united in the desire to fight out the war with the Allies, and in the determination to continue the conflict until victory is achieved. Being stronger than ever, the armies in the field advised the abdication of the Emperor and it has been enthusiastically acquiesced in. According to the Foreign Office official telegrams from virtually all the Commanders have been received assuring support to the Government and guaranteeing it in advance by General Michael Alexeff, Chief of Staff. Many of the last vestiges of the Emperor are disappearing. The portraits of the members of the Imperial family, once seen upon the walls of almost every Government office, have been removed. The Assembly, which will be selected by popular vote, will be composed approximately of 600. It will be the business of the Assembly to determine the future Government under the direction of the new Government is everywhere expressed that under the direction of the new Government the military and industrial forces of the country will be enabled to carry on operations upon a much larger scale than before and considerably magnify the efforts towards a speedy termination of the war.

EMPEROR LEAVES FOR CRIMEA.

PETROGRAD, To-day. Nicholas Romanoff, as the former Emperor is now designated, left with his staff to-day for his personal estates in Lintola on the south coast of Crimea.

STRIKE CALLED OFF.

NEW YORK, To-day. An official conference of the committee of the railroad managers announced at 1 o'clock that the railroad strike was off.

U.S.A. AT WAR WITH GERMANY.

WASHINGTON, To-day. With the announcement of the ruthless destruction of three unarmed American merchant ships by a submarine, it was unofficially admitted here to-night that virtually a state of war exists between the United States and Germany. Technically the United States remains in a position of armed neutrality. Whether this shall be

changed before April 16th, the date fixed for a special session of Congress, the war-making branch of the Government, President Wilson has not decided.

1.00 P. M.

SENSE FROM GERMANY.

LONDON, To-day. Maximilian Harden, writing in the last issue of Die Zukunft, and quoted by Reuters's Amsterdam correspondent, says, with reference to the occupation of Bagdad by the British, "Only a blockhead or one to whom the map of the world has taught nothing, or lies to himself in order to lie better to others, can deny the importance of the change of power in Turkish Asia. Since the birthday of the submarine war, which was greeted with gushing hope, that greatest of the republics of the earth, the United States, and China have resolved to break off diplomatic relations with Germany. Herr Harden suggests the possibility of a triple alliance between the United States, China and Japan, which he says would present a more energetic participation in the war. To the doubters of such a possibility, he replies that Great Britain, France and Russia, before yielding, would attempt everything imaginable, and declares that the limits of the imaginable are not to be underestimated with the powers who Australia and Africa obey, and who dominate the land and water from New York to Petrograd and from Kamchatka to Trebizond."

AUSTRIA SEEKING PEACE WITH RUSSIA.

LONDON, To-day. A despatch from Vienna, according to the Exchange Telegraph Company's correspondent at the Hague, says that the German Chancellor was received on Saturday by the Austrian Emperor and Empress at Luxembourg Castle, near Vienna. The Chancellor had a long conference with Emperor Charles, jointly with Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, chiefly with reference to the Russian situation. Political circles in Vienna, the despatch adds, are considering the possibility of entering into negotiations with the Russian Cabinet with a view to an armistice. Emperor Charles is very anxious about the matter. The German Chancellor will leave for Berlin tomorrow and will immediately visit the German Emperor at headquarters.

SNUBBING THE LAW.

NEW YORK, To-day. Secretary Lane issued a statement at 2.33 a.m. that regardless of the decision of the Supreme Court on the Adamson law, a basic eight hour day will go into effect.

NEARLY RANMED SUB.

BOSTON, To-day. The Leyland Line steamer Canadian, which arrived in Boston yesterday from Liverpool, almost encountered a submarine as she was nearing an English port on her last journey across the Atlantic. According to the captain, the Russian submarine was lying in wait to launch a torpedo against the Canadian and barely saved itself by submerging in record time. Captain Bullock, commander of the ship, was at the wheel and the vessel, 150 miles from Liverpool, had just dropped astern of the naval convoy which he escorted her through the most part of Germany's barred zone. Suddenly the captain caught sight of a submarine lying awash and almost in his path. He ordered the liner to ram and sink it. The submarine commander was warned in time, however, and managed to sink beneath the surface. A slight scraping along the keel of the Canadian was an indication that the ship had grazed the submarine and perhaps sunk it. The Canadian's captain, however, did not stop to ascertain the success of his manoeuvre but hastened away to port, guiding his ship in zig-zags clear of the danger zone.

Sealing News.

Ranger, (Saturday night).—Eight thousand on board; seals very large size; prospects good; all well.

Terra Nova, (Saturday night).—Total stowed, 8,200; about 8,000 on deck; total on pans and aboard, 20,000; all well.

Eagle, (Saturday night).—Total stowed, 8,000; looking for another patch.

Viking, (Saturday night).—Fifteen miles stowed; Bird Rocks; difficult to get through.

Thetis, (Saturday night).—Fourteen thousand, nearly all on board.

Nocturne, (Saturday night).—Have 11,000; all on board.

Sable I., (Saturday night).—Ten thousand on board; five thousand stowed; ice loose.

Seal, (Saturday night).—Nine thousand on board; three thousand on ice; ice loose; danger of losing some pans.

Bloodhound, (Saturday night).—Seven thousand on board.

Njord, (Saturday night).—Two thousand on board; two thousand stowed.

Erik, (Saturday night).—Fourteen thousand on board and stowed; patch cut.

Official (Fogo Marconi Station).—Entire sealing fleet reports crews aboard and all well.

Cape Ray March Station.—Viking all well; no men on ice.

Viking, (Sunday night).—Ten miles N.N.E. Bryon Island; jammed.

Yesterday the crews were engaged picking up and taking aboard the seals killed and panned the previous day. From the tenor of the messages, it is evident that the ships are gone in search of another patch. The only message received to-day was from the Terra Nova, Capt. A. Keen, and read: Have 13,000 stowed and 7,000 on deck.

The total number of seals accounted for to date is 122,000. The news from the Gulf is discouraging. The Viking being jammed. A change of wind is badly needed in that region.

"The Last Call"

At the recruiting station, Water Street, men are answering the call for the last thousand. To date 25 men have joined. 13 from the city and 12 from the outports. Those who have not answered the call should do so at once if they want to be in at the finish. More men are needed for "Ours." Young men are you going to pass by? Sure! not. Step in to-day and Sergt. Smith will be glad to see you. "JOIN NOW!"

Turkeys, Ducks and Chicken at ELLIS'.

Hospital Report.

London, 18th March, 1917. To Colonial Secretary, St. John's.

Association Visiting Committee reports condition of following men in Hospital.

Progressing Favourably: 1977 Atwood, 2702 Burton, 1620 Byde, 1958 Strickland, 2345 Evans, 420 Carpenter, 1472 Coombs, 2193 Carter, 2237 Cook, 1660 Day, 1723 Dover, 2737 Elliott, 2528 Edgar, 1965 Fennell, 1884 Gooch, 2024 Greenland, 1938 Haffey, 2311 Hull, 1853 Hancock, 1501 Jones, 2630 King, 1837 Ledrew, 2075 Levisne, 401 Murphy, 2152 Morris, 1901 Meaney, 1773 Killeen, 1105 Mahan, 1984 Leeman, 2303 Oke, 2420 Phelan, 2491 Rowell, 1203 Roberts, 2437 Rodgers, 31 Robinson, 1276 Randall, 2317 Dunan, 2028 Dicks, 1831 Benson, 1440 Ballam, 1737 Bennett, 2538 Burke, 1954 Calnes, 2973 Clarke, 2386 Carroll, 1003 Clarke, 2969 Davey, 2399 Doyle, 2193 Edwards, 1551 Evans, 420 Fife, 1081 Gossard, 2349 Gossard, 1168 Heath, 2079 Hollett, 1952 Hayter, 490 Keel, 2646 King, 1640 Lewis, 1824 Langdon, 2028 Moores, 2556 Martin, 1812 Murrin, 1817 McDonald, 272 Manuel, 2429 Newell, 2704 Pittman, 1994, Parsados, 1801 Rowell, 2205 Roberts, 1273 Reeves, 323 Reid, 712 Sheen, 2968 Strickland, 2351 Brinson, 2800 Blunden, 2210 Bailey, 1180 Butler, 1804 Cummins, 2337 Cheffey, 2541 Clarke, 2906 Chafe, 2527 Coleman, 877 Dore, 2968 Roberts, 440, 440, 440, 2007 Foley, 2620 Gulliver, 320 Green, 2610 Haladay, 1505 Haynes, 2507 Holway, 2479 Humphries, 552 Kearley, 1718 Killeen, 1490 Linton, 1498 Leeman, 529 Moore, 571 Mahoney, 2586 Mercer, 1746 MacDonald, 2022 Matthews, 1896 Newbury, 1733 Pittman, 1448 Poy, 2964 Roberts, 440, 440, 440, 1059 Riggs, 38 Ryan, 2622 Stevenson, 2571 Stares, 2269 Smith, 2482 Stone, 1483 Sullivan, 21 Tilley, 683 Walsh, 1606 Walsh, 1591 West, 1734 Wolfe, 420 Sheppard, 338 Snow, 1313 Steele, 772 Stone, 2423 Taylor, 1958 Walsh, 1959 Walsh, 1045 White, 2550 Simms, 1763 Sullivan, 1052 Sparkes, 2485 Small, 1817 McDonald, 272 Walsh, 1649 Warren, 1029 White.

Improving:

55 Andrews, 2932 Brenton, 1027 Dore, 2968 Roberts, 440, 440, 440, 2007 Foley, 2620 Gulliver, 320 Green, 2610 Haladay, 1505 Haynes, 2507 Holway, 2479 Humphries, 552 Kearley, 1718 Killeen, 1490 Linton, 1498 Leeman, 529 Moore, 571 Mahoney, 2586 Mercer, 1746 MacDonald, 2022 Matthews, 1896 Newbury, 1733 Pittman, 1448 Poy, 2964 Roberts, 440, 440, 440, 1059 Riggs, 38 Ryan, 2622 Stevenson, 2571 Stares, 2269 Smith, 2482 Stone, 1483 Sullivan, 21 Tilley, 683 Walsh, 1606 Walsh, 1591 West, 1734 Wolfe, 420 Sheppard, 338 Snow, 1313 Steele, 772 Stone, 2423 Taylor, 1958 Walsh, 1959 Walsh, 1045 White, 2550 Simms, 1763 Sullivan, 1052 Sparkes, 2485 Small, 1817 McDonald, 272 Walsh, 1649 Warren, 1029 White.

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Proceeds concert, Port Blandford, per Miss Rosalie Quinton, 21 00
The Committee also wishes to acknowledge with thanks the donation of 1/2 ton of coal from H. J. Stubb & Co., 1/2 ton of coal from Mr. Reg. Harvey and a cooking stove from W. Clouston at cost price for the Jensen Camp; also gifts of fresh eggs from Mrs. Gordon Winter and Mrs. Crosbie.

McMurdo's Store News.

MONDAY, March 19, 1917.

Like so many other stores, we have our White Sale, which is at present running. The feature of it is a very fine lot of wash cloths and towels in variety to suit different tastes. The prices are for wash cloths 10 and 15c each; for towels, 25 and 35c. See our Water Street windows. The price runs all the way from forty cents to \$2.50 a box. Come and see them.

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Wm. Field, Torbay Road, 1 00

Philip Field, Torbay Road, 1 00

Ed. Malmgren, 1 00

\$40 00

From Cape Race.

CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind S.E., fresh, raining; ice packed on land, water in sight about five miles and distant, raining on the east coast; temperature from 21 to 26 above.

Here and There.

Fresh Halibut and Fresh Cod at ELLIS'.

ETHIE AND GLENCOE.—The Ethie left Placentia at 3 a.m. yesterday. The Glencoe reached Placentia at 10.30 a.m. yesterday from the west.

Turkeys, Ducks and Chicken at ELLIS'.

WEATHER REPORT.—The weather across country is light S.W. wind and drizzle, raining on the east coast; temperature from 21 to 26 above.

W. P. A. HOCKEY.—This evening at 7.30 at the Prince's Rink, Terra Nova vs. Victorias.

SLEEPING CAR LEFT THE RAILS.—We learn from passengers who arrived by Saturday's express, that the sleeping car left the rails twice while proceeding from Alexander Bay to Port Blandford. Fortunately no damage was done and with but little delay the coach was put back on the rails.

Fairbanks Brass Globe and Angle Valves to be had at BOWRING BROS., Ltd., Hardware Dept.—Feb. 6.17

L.O.A. GRAND LODGE SESSION.—By special train consisting of two sleepers and a dining car the delegates for the L.O.A. Grand Lodge Session, which is to be held at Grand Falls left at noon to-day. At various stations along the line delegates will join the train, while others will leave by the regular express at 12.30 p.m. to-morrow.

LOST.—On Saturday night, between Water St. and Rennie's Mill Road, by way of King's Rd. a GOLD WATCH with initials C. H. B. engraved thereon. Finder will be rewarded on returning same to this office.—mar19,21

A TEST CASE.—Edward Sinnott was charged with a breach of the Prohibition Act before Mr. P. J. Morris, K.C., J.P., on Friday afternoon last. The defendant admitted selling a certain quantity of liquor on Dec. 25th and delivered the goods on Jan. 2nd. The case, which is a test one to find out if stocks of liquor held in the point as to whether the delivery on Jan. 2nd is an essential part of the sale. Judgment was reserved. Messrs. Hunt and Dunfield conducted the case for the prosecution and Mr. McNelly for the defendant.

DIED.

At Lachute, Quebec, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Hugh Beckham, Mrs. Kellond, wife of the late Robert Kellond, in her 94th year. The deceased was the mother of Mrs. Chesley Woods, of this city.

Killed in action, February 25th, 1917, Somewhere in France, Sergeant John Bertram (Bert), second son of Robert and Helen Young, aged 20 years.

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REMEMBER THE ICE MEN.—A hockey match between the College champions and a city team and a series of races are being arranged to be held at the Prince's Rink on Thursday night next for the benefit of the ice men.

TRAIN MOVEMENTS.—The incoming express is expected to leave Port aux Basques late this evening. Yesterday's outgoing express left Millertown Junction at 8.15 a.m. to-day. The Trepassey train reached the city on time to-day.

JACK ROSSLEY IN VAUDEVILLE AGAIN.

St. Patrick's Day at Rossley's British Theatre will be long remembered by those who were so fortunate to get in. Fox and Carr in their delightful Irish act "Come Back to Erin," was a great treat. The clever pantomime company in dainty Irish costumes with Irish