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TO-DAY'S Messages.

10.30 A.M.

POWERFUL OFFENSIVE.

PARIS, To-day.
On the east front throughout last night the battle for the fortresses of Verdun raged with increasing fury on both banks of the Meuse. The French stubbornly resisted every attempt by the Germans and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. The Germans delivered one attack after another on the northwestern front, rushing forward with powerful thrusts against the French works and hand-to-hand fighting occurred on the French right, where the Germans, after suffering heavy losses penetrated Cimetière Village near the bank of the Meuse. West of the village on the east bank of the Meuse, the Germans, after most extensive artillery preparations, launched an attack after attack against the Douaumont front, losing fearfully, artillery fire blotting out the French trenches and fighting was again of a hand-to-hand character. East of Fort-Philippe, with the deadly work of machine guns, a few German detachments streamed through the French fire and reached the trench position, west of the fort. All German charges were stopped. The Germans attacked west of Navarin in Champagne, using gas, but were unable to gain.

THE PONSONBYS AND PEACE.

LONDON, To-day.
In a recent interview, Sir Edward Grey, British Foreign Secretary, said there could be no end to the war until the Prussian idea of peace, from peace, imposed on other nations by German supremacy, was done away with and renounced. The peace talk that followed in the interval, was brought up in the Commons yesterday by Arthur Ponsonby, Liberal. Ponsonby argued in favor of countenancing peace possibilities against prolonging the war, merely for the sake of obligations to Britain's Allies. The speaker said if war had to be continued until Constantinople fell or until some unknown obligations to the Allies are fulfilled, the country ought to be told what these obligations are, and if there was no essential difference between Germany and Britain, and no such obligations, the Government ought to take the earliest opportunity to press for the termination of the war. Sir Edward Grey, replying, pointed out that his interview contained no new declarations. He had no prepared speech or statement to make, but, he said, if he thought the German Government or German opinion had reached the point where the Allied Governments could bring about peace compatible with their desires, nearer, by making speeches about peace, he would make dozens of them. But, the Foreign Minister added, the time had not yet arrived. The Allies were bound by common obligations not to put forward any terms of peace, except by mutual agreement. The war would never end, Ponsonby continued, "if Britain waited till Sir Edward and Dr. von Bethman Hollweg, the German Imperial Chancellor, agreed as to who was responsible for

was furious, the Germans launched attack after attack against the fort and employing among others two fresh divisions of Bavarians. Several times the attacks were put down with heavy losses, but finally the Germans succeeded in reoccupying the point of vantage which they had virtually held since the commencement of the Verdun offensive, until the French drove them out several days ago. The French still retain the immediate approaches to the fort. On the Austro-Italian front the Austrians from Lake Garda region to the Valley Sugana district are keeping up their violent offensive against the Italians and driven them across their border. Southeast of Trent the Italians are endeavouring to hold the fortified lines from Asiago heights, east of the Valley Dassa, but the Austrian report they have captured over 25,000 officers and men, 251 cannon, 101 machine guns, 16 bomb throwers, Rome admits in effecting their retreat across the border the Italians destroyed artillery which it was impossible to withdraw.

80,000 DIE OF STARVATION.

NEW YORK, To-day.

Eighty thousand persons have died of starvation in Lobnan, according to cable messages received to-day by the Daily Mirror. A Syrian newspaper message signed by S. Sarkis, Cairo, Egypt, a magazine writer whose reliability is vouched for by the publishers of the Daily Mirror, altho they do not profess to have any information as to the accuracy of the facts contained in the cablegram.

WILL VISIT LONDON.

ROME, To-day.

It is stated on good authority that Premier Salandra and Foreign Minister Sonnino will leave shortly for London to return visit of Premier Asquith to Rome.

TRUE BILL AGAINST CASEMENT.

LONDON, To-day.

The Grand Jury to-day returned true bills against Casement and Daniel J. Bailey, former British soldier, who is held as his accomplice.

CRITICAL ILLNESS OF GALLIENI.

PARIS, To-day.

The condition of General Gallieni, former Minister of War, has suddenly grown worse. Grave anxiety is felt as to his chances of recovery.

NAVAL FIGHT IN ADRIATIC.

ROME, To-day.

An Austrian aeroplane and an Austrian gunboat have been destroyed in a battle with an Italian gunboat in the upper Adriatic. The crew of the Austrian craft were taken prisoners.

Rev. Edward Noel Mellich Wins V. C.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir.—I enclose copy of an article which was read by Rev. W. C. Hollands, on Sunday night, before beginning of his sermon. It possibly may be of interest to some of your readers.

Sincerely yours,

T. RUSSELL.

Carbonear, May 22, 1916.

"His Majesty the King has been pleased to award the Victoria Cross to the Rev. Edward Noel Mellich, temporary Chaplain to the Forces for most conspicuous bravery.

During heavy fighting on three consecutive days he repeatedly went backwards and forwards under continuous and heavy shell and machine gun fire, between our original trenches and those captured by the enemy, in order to tend and rescue wounded men. He brought in ten badly wounded men on the first day from ground swept by machine gun fire and three were actually killed while he was dressing their wounds.

The Battalion to which he was attached was relieved on the second day, but he went back and brought in two more wounded men. On the night of the third day he took charge of a party of volunteers and once more returned to rescue the remaining wounded.

This splendid work was quite voluntary on his part and outside the scope of his ordinary duties."

P.S.—Only once before has the V.C. been awarded to a clergyman, the Rev. James William Adams, B.A., Bengal Ecclesiastical Establishment, on December 11, 1879, rescued two men of the 9th Lancashire from certain death at Killa Khazi near Kabul, under heavy fire when the enemy were charging; just before he had assisted a wounded Lancer. Mr. Adams was gazetted a V.C. on Aug. 26, 1881.

He died in 1902.

The above Rev. Ed. Noel Mellich served as a Private in the Boer War.

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Gazing through the shades of night
To the twinkling stars on high;
O'er me spirts in the air,
Silent vigils seem to keep,
As I breathe my childhood's prayer,
"Now I lay me down to sleep."

Sadly sings the whip-poor-will
In the boughs of yonder tree;
Laughingly the dancing rill
Swells the midnight melody.
Foes may be lurking near,
In the canyon dark and deep,
Low I breathe in Jesus' ear,
"I pray thee, Lord, my soul to keep."

'Mid those stars one face I see—
One the Saviour turned away—
Mother, who in infancy
Taught my baby lips to pray;
Her sweet spirit hovers near
In this lonely mountain brake.
Take me to her, Saviour dear,
"If I should die before I wake."

Fainter grows the flickering light,
As each ember slowly dies,
Placitively the birds of night
Fill the air with saddening cries;
Over me they seem to cry:
"You may never more awake."
Low I whisper, "Should I die,
I pray thee, Lord, my soul to take."

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray Thee, Lord, my soul to keep.
If I should die before I wake,
I pray Thee, Lord, my soul to take,
And this I ask for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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Accident at Placentia.

On Monday evening while playing with some companions near the "Quarry," Tenie, the seven year old daughter of J. G. Kelley, mail clerk, fell from a height on to the rocks below. She was picked up unconscious, bleeding profusely. Drs. McKendrick and McDonald were quickly in attendance and soon had the little sufferer made comfortable. She was severely bruised about the face and body together with a large wound in the scalp. How she escaped death is a marvel. Upon enquiring to-day we learn that she passed a very good night and is feeling somewhat better.



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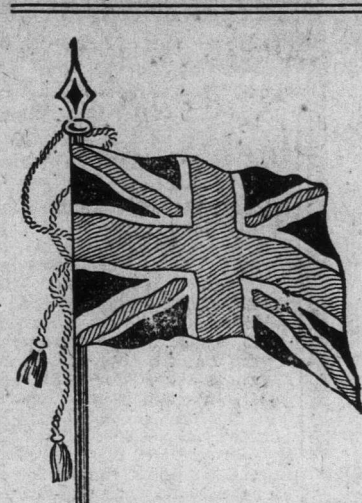
Your Boys and Girls.

The first band to be put on the baby in the summer should contain some wool and the shirt should certainly be of a medium weight. The child should be kept as cool as possible, although you should keep the band containing some wool over the abdomen during even the extreme weather. It is wise to sponge the entire surface of the body several times a day during the extreme weather.

Nowadays the fond mother begins from almost the day of her baby's birth to keep a card book for its future inspection. This needs must be a large volume, for into it go all of the correspondence cards, of congratulation to the parents, the birth announcements of contemporary infants, the visiting cards attached to flowers and gifts, and all holiday picture cards.

A good way to keep the cellar or dairy from having any unpleasant odor is to whitewash the walls with lime that contains carbolic acid. One ounce of carbolic acid to a gallon of whitewash is the proper proportion.

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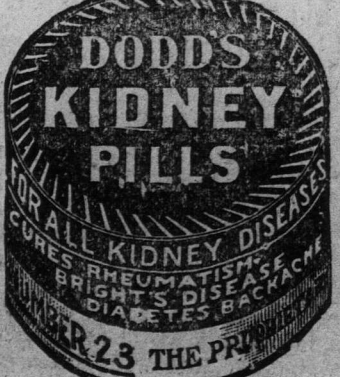
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