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TO-DAY'S Messages.

11.30 A.M.

IMPORTANT ROMANIAN TOWN TAKEN.

BERLIN, To-day. The Teutonic Allies fighting in Roumania, have captured the important town of Rimnik Sarat on the railroad northeast of Buzau.

N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE.

NEW YORK, To-day. The Governors of the New York Stock Exchange at a meeting to-day decided not to open the Exchange on Saturday, owing to the almost unprecedented volume of business which has resulted in a congestion throughout the financial district. The Exchange will be closed on Friday afternoon, Dec. 29, and business will not be resumed until Jan. 2nd.

ALLIES' REPLIES TO GO FORWARD SOON.

LONDON, To-day. England and France have fully agreed upon the terms of the reply to be made to the peace proposals of the Teutonic Allies, the Associated Press learned from the Foreign Office to-day. It is hoped here the answer may be despatched by the end of this week, but the other nations of the Entente, although agreed in principle may require verbal alterations which would necessitate a further delay. It is expected that once this reply has been forwarded the response to President Wilson's note will follow very shortly.

EXCHANGE OF NOTES.

LONDON, To-day. Russia's reply to the German peace proposals was telegraphed on Monday to the French Government, says a Reuter despatch from Petrograd. It adds that the Swiss Minister handed the Russian Foreign Minister the note of the Swiss Government supporting President Wilson's note.

FRENCH SOCIALISTS URGE REPLY TO WILSON.

PARIS, To-day. A congress of French Socialists today passed a resolution requesting the Entente Allies' Governments to reply to President Wilson's note concerning peace by saying that they are ready to tell him their conditions for peace, which must include just reparation for the wrongs done by the Central Empire. The Socialists also declared that they were for such peace as was defined by the International Socialists Congress at London, in February, 1915. It was decided by the Socialists of the Entente Allied countries at the London Conference that no hope for

peace can be entertained until German militarism is crushed. Resolutions were passed urging that Belgium be liberated and compensated; that the question of Poland should be solved in accordance with the wishes of the Polish people and that Alsace-Lorraine and the Balkans whose populations have been annexed by force, shall receive the right freely to dispose of themselves.

WILL OBSERVE SWISS NEUTRALITY.

PARIS, To-day. A despatch to the Journal Des Debats from Geneva says that the Swiss Federal Council has, according to information received here from Bern, received formal assurance from Germany guaranteeing once more Switzerland's neutrality. The assurance was given as the result of the fear recently prevailing that Germany was preparing to break through Switzerland into France and Italy.

ANOTHER THICK FOG.

LONDON, To-day. One of the thickest fogs of recent years enveloped London to-day, disorganizing traffic, and causing great inconvenience. Owing to the restrictions with regard to lighting in the city, a sombre pall at nightfall brought surface traffic to a complete standstill. Omnibuses stopped running, taxicabs disappeared from the streets, and people moved about with the aid of torchlights and electric flashlights.

WAR BUDGET.

LONDON, To-day. The net of the Teutonic Allies apparently is fast closing in upon Braila, Roumania's oil and grain centre on the Danube. Having taken Filipchit, 30 miles to the southwest, (east?) Field-Marshal von Mackensen's troops have now captured the railroad town of Rimnik Sarat, relatively the same distance to the east (west?), while the guns of the Dobrudja army are still hammering with some success the Russo-Roumanians at the Bridgehead of Matchin on the east bank of the Danube opposite Braila. Prior to the fall of Rimnik Sarat, the Teutonic Allies defeated the Russians on a front of 10 1/2 miles S. W. of the town, while the Teutonic Danube army captured several fortified villages, according to the Berlin War Office. Petrograd admits the Russians and Roumanians have been forced back north of Mogura, but says that elsewhere the invaders were defeated with heavy casualties. Since December 22nd, says Berlin, more than 8,900 prisoners, and 27 machine guns were captured in Roumania. Artillery duels, sapping operations and attacks by small patrol parties featured Wednesday's fighting on the front in France. There have been sporadic battle at several points along the line in Russia and Galicia from Volhynia to the Carpathians, but no important results have been attained by either side. The usual bombardment is in progress in the Austro-Italian theatre. In Macedonia

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Here and There.

The Boys of St. Bonaventure's and St. Patrick's Hall Singing Classes are requested to meet at the Cathedral to-morrow, Friday, at 12 o'clock.—dec28,11

A TOTAL WRECK.—The French schr. Charles Jules, which sprang a leak while on her way from Bay St. George to St. Pierre, is now a total wreck at Three Rock Cove. Only a small portion of her gear was saved, including a few nets.

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RAN 95 MILES.

Chicago, Oct. 18.—Sidney Hatch, of Chicago, winner of a score of marathon races, shattered all records for long distance running to-day when he finished a run from Milwaukee to Chicago, 95 1/2 miles, in 14 hours 30 minutes and 30 seconds, breaking the record for the course by 4 hours and 17 minutes.

CHRISTMAS NUMBERS.—We now offer the following Xmas Numbers, viz: Pears, Holly Leaves, Ill. London News, The Graphic, at 30 cts. each. G. KNOWLING.—dec28,jan25

BIG STORM AT OIL WELLS REGION.—A terrific storm raged exactly a fortnight ago in the vicinity of Parsons' Pond Oil Wells, and did much destruction. The wind blew with hurricane velocity, accompanied by a blinding snow storm. Property of all kinds, we hear, suffered damage, including fish stores, stages, landing places and boats. Besides that the large timber derrick of the oil property was smashed in smithereens, the men were driven from their shacks, and a number of small buildings were overturned.

There is no reason why the ice should not be made at home when winter comes. Set the painful of clean water out overnight and in the morning bring it in and set it on the stove for a moment to thaw around the edges; it will then slip out easily,

To a Little Boy at School.

Safe sheltered from our wars you have your lot. To do for England. Yours it is to make. Your mind and body reasonably fit. In peaceful times to battle for her sake. When victory crowns our arms in days to be. And loud-mouthed guns have ceased their hideous din. When foes no more hold stricken lands in fee. Another world-wide struggle will begin.

In that new warfare, you must bear your part. As bravely as your brother in his trench. And you must conquer with as stout a heart. The strong redoubts of Latin and of French. So may you, too, become your country's pride. Setting your eager face towards the sun. Remembering your kin who fought and died. That you may keep the prize that they have won. —C.E.F., in The Evening News.

LOOKS LIKE A TRAGEDY.

NANTUCKET, Mass., To-day. The steamer Maryland, which reported on Xmas night that she was sinking, had not been found at a later hour to-night, according to a message received from the coast-guard cutter Gresham. The message said the Gresham was at 11 1/2 engaged in the search for the vessel. It is believed that if any of the Maryland's boats succeeded in getting away from the steamer they would have drifted westward in the path of trans-Atlantic steamers.

The Meigle Reach Port.

The s.s. Meigle, Capt. Parsons, reached port at 6.45 a.m. to-day, six days out from North Sydney, having on board a full cargo, consisting of 26 cars of general freight. The Meigle left North Sydney at 8 a.m. Friday and after a few hours at sea encountered a strong wind and heavy sea which continued to increase in violence right up till Sunday night, when the wind slightly moderated. Arriving off the Narrows about noon on Christmas Day, it was not considered safe to make port and she had to run out to sea. After very carefully manoeuvring his ship in the face of a N.E. gale, Capt. Parsons watched his chance and with the Meigle's engines working a full speed, dashed into Trinity Harbor, arriving there at 3 p.m. Tuesday. He remained there till 12 o'clock last night when he came on to St. John's. The Meigle is one of the finest sea boats on this side of the Atlantic and with such an experienced commander as Capt. Parsons, friends and relatives of those on board his ship have little reason to worry.

A Place for Boys of 16 and Upwards.

IN NATIONAL DEFENCE.

Young men down to 16 years of age are wanted in the Canadian naval service to be trained at home in service signalling. Recruits for this service are trained on H. M. C. S. Niobe, Halifax. These recruits, in addition to clothing, quarters and rations, receive \$1.10 per day if over 18 years of age, and 50c. per day if under 18, and in all cases where the recruit's mother is dependent upon him for support, an allowance for her of 45c. per day is made.—Halifax Mail.

SERIOUS CHARGE.

GETS PRELIMINARY HEARING.

The preliminary hearing of the charge of serious criminal assault on a thirteen year old girl, preferred against a sixteen year old lad of the higher level, occupied the attention of Judge Morris in private chambers for two hours to-day. Three witnesses were examined and cross examined. The defendant was taken (ill to-morrow morning and the accused was remanded in custody. Supt. Grimes is conducting the case for the Crown and the accused is being represented by Mr. L. E. Emerson.

High Cost of Envelopes.

Persons finding fault with the present high cost of envelopes will be interested to learn of the invention of a Seattle accountant, who has devised a method of folding stationery for mailing so as to eliminate the envelope entirely. The invention is a method of perforating letterheads, billheads, etc., for transmission by making only one fold in the paper. The inventor claims that his device not only eliminates envelopes, but also makes the writing of a second address unnecessary, renders the document impossible to open without detection, and requires that the postmark be imprinted on the back of the sheet itself.

An Echo From the War.

"Down by the Somme, Frenchmen and Englishmen were bathing in the sea water pools. Close by, French soldiers (fresh from a recent battle, the dirt and dust of war upon them) were fishing, as Frenchmen will always fish, whatever thunderbolts of Fate may be falling near them, and upon the hillcrest above the Somme two French trumpeters sat for an hour or more playing a duet. The thunderstroke of great guns not far from us shook the hills and echoed with dull thuds in the valleys. Death was busy only a mile or 1 1/2 away, but the music of the two trumpeters came wandering down the hillside very sweetly, and the French soldier with a worm on the end of his line pointed to five small perch in a petrol tin and smiled with pride at his good catch. It was one of the little contrasts of war worth recording, because war is not all blood and agony, but has quiet places and quiet hours." Philip Gibbs.

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