

NO-DAY'S Messages.

10.00 A.M.

OCCUPYING CORFU.

LONDON, To-day. A French detachment has been landed on the Greek Island of Corfu for provisional occupation.

FOR SERBIAN TROOPS.

ROME, To-day. A despatch to the Stefani Bureau, says Corfu advises report that French warships landed detachments of troops Tuesday evening in order to prepare for the arrival of Serbian troops.

A BREAK SUIT.

PORTLAND, Maine, To-day. A suit for one billion dollars against the British Ambassador to the United States and others for damages, said to have been caused by alleged conspiracy was filed in the Federal Court to-day by Lewis J. Marshall, of Lisbon Falls, who recently was convicted of using mails to defraud woolen manufacturers who made silk ties on commission.

AMERICA WILL TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION.

WASHINGTON, To-day. There was no indication to-night that the United States would take any further action in the case of Americans slain by Villa bandits in Mexico, beyond its demand for the apprehension and punishment of outlaws or at most to hold General Carranza responsible for the seizure of British mail since 1899, when he began the mail order business.

SIMON AND ASQUITH ON COMPULSION BILL.

LONDON, To-day. Sir John Simon, who recently resigned from the Cabinet on the compulsion issue, summed up his arguments against the Bills. His opponents he declared, in enacting the measure in the House would throw away one great national possession. The country had entered upon war to defend the doctrine that the supreme consideration ought to be national unity, he said, and in view of the attitude of labor it is in the highest degree unfortunate that this Bill is introduced.

10.30 A.M.

TWO ITALIAN SHIPS SUNK BY MINES.

ROME, To-day. Two Italian steamers, the Brindisi and Citta Di Palermo were sunk by mines in the Adriatic. Half the passengers aboard the Brindisi were lost. The crew were saved. Nearly all on board the Citta Di Palermo, which was an armed vessel, were saved.

THE LONDON BUDGET.

LONDON, To-day. Cetinje, the capital of Montenegro, now seems likely to suffer the fate of Belgrade and British observers already are asking anxiously, what the menace of the Austrian conquest of Montenegro is likely to hold over the Allies at Saloniki. Fighting is going on all round Cetinje, a small town which nearly a year ago, ceased to be the seat of the Montenegrin Government and never before in the long history of the little Montenegrin kingdom has it been compelled to bow to a foreign conqueror.

Our Volunteers.



The Coalition Ministry. This fact would be regarded at home and abroad as a symbol of the nation's unity. He concluded with the statement: "I have the authority of Earl Kitchener and the General Staff, that we require not only the unmarried men enrolled under the Derby scheme, not only married men who are waiting to be called, but also the handful available part of the 65,000 men with whom this deal. The opposition in the Commons to the Conscription Bill crumpled last night to a few conscientious objectors. A fortnight ago anti-compulsionists claimed two hundred votes, but on the first reading they were only able to muster 195, of whom more than one half were Irish Nationalists.

Election of Church Officials.

At the annual meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church held at the Presbyterian Hall on Tuesday night last the following were elected as the Board of Managers for the ensuing year: Messrs. T. McNeil, J. C. Spurr, T. A. McNab, J. McKay, D. Baird, C. U. Henderson, D. Johnston, D. M. Baird, W. Neal and Capt. Ledingham. Although on active service Capt. Ledingham was elected in sympathy to the families of the late Hon. James Baird and Mr. John Syme were passed. The following were elected Directors of the Presbyterian College: Hon. D. Morrison, K. Lumsden, A. Robertson, J. J. McKay, T. McNeil, J. Clouston, G. Neal and Rev. J. S. Sutherland, ex-officio.

Mr. Condon and Bait.

Mr. Condon, with his twenty-six years' experience in connection with baiting, has devised a new trap to take codfish without capturing dogfish when they are provoked. He has also devised a means of trapping bait. During the past few months he has been experimenting in the waters of the different bays and has concluded that with encouragement he can aid considerably in solving the bait problem and do away with the spectacle of going to Gloucester for spring baiting.

At St. Patrick's.

A powerful and eloquent sermon was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Kitchener, at St. Patrick's Church last night to the members of the Holy Name Society on the great attributes of Christian Courage and Manliness, wherein the preacher paid such a glowing tribute to the patriotism, heroism, devotion and self-sacrifice of Our Boys at the front, that those present were moved to the verge of despondency. The chief feature of the service was the singing of "The Boys at the Front," which was touched and so highly swelled their pride in the Newfoundlanders.

Cape Report.

CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind N. N. E. Fresh weather dull; no ships sighted to-day. Bar. 29.11; ther. 37.

Prussian Press Must Be Good.

In a recent despatch received in Switzerland the text of a confidential circular issued by the Prussian minister of the interior to local authorities instructing them to exercise effective supervision over the newspapers of their districts was quoted. Copies of other confidential orders given by the same minister which fell into the hands of German socialists have also reached Switzerland, and their contents show how much pressure is exerted in Germany to compel the newspapers to express the opinions dictated to them by the government in Berlin.

Wedding Bells.

HANNAFORD-WALSH. A pretty wedding was solemnized on the 9th inst. at Petty Harbor, when Mr. Samuel Hannaford, of Maddox Cove, and Miss Catherine Walsh, Bay Rev. Fr. Tierney, P.P., officiating. The bride, who was charmingly attired, was accompanied by Miss Catherine Walsh, of Kiltbride, while Mr. J. Hefferman supported the groom. After the ceremony a reception was held at the future residence of Mr. and Mrs. Hannaford, Maddox Cove. Some 50 guests were present and an enjoyable time was spent.

Obituary.

MRS. WM. DOOLEY. After a brief illness the death occurred this morning of Mrs. William Dooley, at her late residence, Monkstown Road. Deceased, who had reached an advanced age, was a well known and respected lady in St. John's. She is survived by two sons, John M., of this city, to whom the grief is intensified by the fact that only a year ago he lost his wife and daughter, and Wm. of Hr. Grace; also two daughters Mrs. Thos. B. Leahy, in New York, and another in Notre Dame Ind., U.S.A. The telegram offers its sympathy to the bereaved family.

Here and There.

Theatre parties, if arranged for, will be served at close of performance at WOOD'S Central or West End Restaurants during Klark-Urban Co's. season.—Jan 12/16

ANXIETY FOR SCHRE. The schr. Thomas is now over seventy days out to this port from Cadiz, and there is much anxiety expressed for her safety by the friends of those on board. No doubt, like other vessels making long passages here from foreign places, the Thomas will soon put in an appearance alright. She has a cargo of salt for Harvey & Co. Ltd.

CONVICTED OF THEFT.—Last night Detective Byrne arrested a fisherman of Caplin Bay, charged with stealing a rain coat and a pair of gloves, valued at \$14, from a boarding house where he was staying. The articles belonged to another boarder. Access was arranged before Mr. Hutchings, who presided at the Magistrate's Court to-day, and was convicted. Sentence was suspended and the stolen property returned to its rightful owner.

fact that they got was a warning that they must obey, other-wise their journal would be suppressed for the duration of the war. The Radikeringungs-president added that instructions received from the minister of the interior justified him in adopting this attitude. At Stettin the censorship authorities wrote to the proprietors of a daily newspaper issued there: "With a view to supplying the local press with reliable news, copies of everything supplied by the Central Bureau of the German Press will be sent to all newspapers, and you are urgently requested to publish everything emanating from this source. Such articles as are marked with a star must be printed. In consequence of orders received from the highest quarters it will be necessary for us to take punitive measures against those papers which refuse to publish the articles and news of the Central Bureau."

Ladies' Heavy Grey Fleece Knickers

ONLY 49c. pair. HENRY BLAIR. In this case an appeal was lodged with a still higher official, the Oberpraesident who replied that the instructions given by the censorship authorities were legally valid under martial law, and also understandable, so that they must be obeyed without hesitation.

The Machine Gun and its Development.

Tests against pecked shots have shown that one machine gun will make more hits than 50 marksmen. One may safely say that as a target litter, a machine gun is equal to a regiment. The development of this most effective of the weapons has been very interesting, and much money and time has been spent in perfecting it. Machine guns of a primitive kind were found in early history.

In 1382 the army of Ghent put 200 charrs de canon to the field, being a number of barrels mounted on two wheeled carriages, garnished with spikes and scythe blades. In 1411 the Burgundian army is said to have had 2,000 of these weapons. Louis the Twelfth had a machine gun which fired 50 shots at one round.

The Ribaudéquin, Chinese captured from the Chinese by the French in 1860, is believed to be the earliest type of machine gun known. It is believed that this gun was built about the beginning of the fourteenth century. It consisted of a very heavy truck reinforced with iron. On this truck were mounted four iron barrels nine feet long. They were all fired at once by a train of powder leading to each barrel.

The most important development was the Danish nine barrel gun, mounted in sets of three, on a two-wheeled carriage. One set of barrels was fired at a time. Closely following this came the American revolving cannon capable of firing three charges in quick succession. This gun was very popular in the war of 1812, and doubtless was responsible for some sensational sea victories, but a really satisfactory machine gun was not found until breech loading had been discovered.

Then came in quick succession the Gatlin, Reffye, Requa, Hotchkiss, Gardner, Bessemer and Maxim, each similar, lighter, more compact, more accurate, or having greater firing speed than its predecessors. The Maxim, is the one most widely used by the warring nations to-day. It weighs 50 to 60 pounds and fires 450 to 600 rounds per minute. The Colt automatic is another very popular type, very similar to the Maxim, and with about the same rate of fire. It weighs only about 40 pounds. The Lewis is similar to the Colt gun, but about two pounds lighter.

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