

## TO-DAY'S Messages.

10.00 A.M.

### GERMAN BANK FAILURE.

LONDON, To-day. A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Zurich says: The failure of an important bank at Essen, Germany, is announced. It is believed that many men of the Krupp works lost their savings.

### FRENCH FRONT UNBROKEN.

PARIS, To-day. We have carried out a concentrated fire on the enemy organizations west of Maisons de Champagne and south of St. Marie Apy in Argonne, and a destructive fire has been directed against the German works at La Fille Morte. In the region north of Verdun, the enemy continued to bombard with the same intensity our front from Meuse up to south of Fromezey. Between the right bank of the Meuse and Ornes, the enemy has shown the same ferocity as on preceding day, multiplied by attacks, leaving on the ground piles of dead without having succeeded in breaking our front. On both wings we have withdrawn our line, one part behind Samogneux, and the other to the south of Ornes. Our artillery replied without respite to the artillery of the enemy. In Lorraine we repulsed and pursued an enemy reconnoitering party, which attempted to approach one of our small posts north of Saint Martin.

### BIG FIRE AT PITTSBURG YESTERDAY.

PITTSBURG, To-day. A fire swept through the plant of the Union Storage Company here yesterday, completely destroying one warehouse and wrecking another. The loss is \$500,000. Twenty-five men working in the plant are believed to have escaped, although a number of men were reported missing, after the walls of the destroyed building collapsed.

### ANOTHER CALL FOR FISHER.

LONDON, To-day. The British Weekly which recently suggested Lord Northcliffe as Air Defence Minister, now cries for Jacky Fisher to resume the naval command. Lacking whom, says the British Weekly, England will lack greatest war brain she has bred since Nelson. The greatest war ever waged has produced very few war brains. Only one man has beaten German brain power and that man is Lord Fisher.

### HEAVY MASSES ATTACK.

PARIS, To-day. The Temps in its military review estimates the Germans are employing on an average ten infantrymen to every three feet front, where the attack is fiercest north of Verdun, that is on a line eight miles in length between Bradbant and Ornes. The reviewer maintains operations are not necessarily preliminary to an attempt to besiege Verdun, but comprise attack upon a wide part front, of which Verdun forms a part of the rear support. The attack, he declares, still hold within the first line of works, while there are, three other lines at strategic intervals behind the first. These lines are more solidly constructed, more elaborate in their nature than the first lines, as the work on them could be done at leisure without the workers being within reach of German fire.

### SUCCESS ON WESTERN FRONT.

LONDON, To-day. An official last night on the campaign on the Western front reads: We sprang a mine opposite Hulluch last night and occupied the crater. To-day an artillery duel about Bac St. Maur ended in our favor. Our artillery bombarded hostile trenches near Freitlingen on the Ypres-Comons Canal east of Bessinghe, with success.

### NOTE TO ROMANIA.

ZURICH, To-day. The Poster Lloyd says a joint Austro-Bulgarian note to Roumania was presented on Monday and invites amicable assurances, regarding the constant strengthening of troops and fortifications near the Bulgarian frontier.

11.15 A.M.

### PRESIDENT WILSON'S FIRM STAND.

WASHINGTON, To-day. President Wilson in a letter to Senator Stone, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, announces with regard to the movement in Congress in favor of warning Americans from taking passage of armed merchant ships, he will not consent to any abridgement of rights of American citizens in any respect, in announcing this stand in the Senate situation, the President said the honor and self-respect of the nation is involved. We covet peace and shall preserve it at any cost but loss of honor. The President's letter was written in answer to one written late in the afternoon by Senator Stone, outlining the situation existing in the Capital, where since yesterday morning persistent demands have been made for some action, which might lessen the possibility of war between the United States and Germany. The President's statement will be repeated to-morrow morning. Speaker Clarke and representative Kitchin, Majority leader, representative Flood, Chairman of the House of Foreign Affairs Committee, who late to-day asked for an engagement in order to explain the position in which the House found itself, asked the President for a statement of the Administration's views. The President wrote the letter after a telephone conference with Cabinet Members and other close advisers. His decision puts an end to all speculation over what the position of the Government was, and lets Congress and the country know the Administration believed the United States could do nothing, but stand behind the right of its citizens to the freedom of the seas.

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### SEVERE SNOWSTORM BRINGS FATALITIES.

LONDON, To-day. Ten lives were lost and extensive damage done to shipping as a result of yesterday's snowstorm, which swept the British Isles. Nine men of the steamer Carlton were drowned, when the vessel sank during a gale off Deal, Elmhampton, where eight inches of snow fell. Women died in the streets as a result of intense cold. Reports from the Provinces show snow falls in various parts of England, varying from five to ten inches. Only two inches fell in London, but the traffic was greatly hampered, because men were unavailable to clear the snow away; the need of men for this purpose also was felt in the Provinces.

### DEVIATION IN HOLLAND.

LONDON, To-day. A despatch to the Times from Amsterdam says a strong northeaster with snow is causing great anxiety there. The dykes protecting Amsterdam are subjected to great strain from the water flooded regions, and it is feared they may yield at any moment and inundate the city. Troops are busy strengthening the dykes. Many villages bordering on the flooded districts have been abandoned and are now devastated.

### LAST BIG OFFENSIVE AGAINST FRANCE.

PARIS, To-day. The German troops taking part in the operations before Verdun were given to understand that this was to be the last and great offensive against France, according to statements made by prisoners, reported in Paris newspapers this morning.

1.15 P. M.

### BLOWN UP BY GERMAN CREW—SUSPECTED TO BE RAIDER.

LONDON, To-day. The career of the British steamer Westburne, which put into Tenerife in charge of a German prize crew, believed to have been the German raider Moeve, has been ended in a highly dramatic manner. She was taken out of the harbor by her German crew to-day, and blown up in sight of a British cruiser which was lying in wait to recapture her just outside the three mile limit. A despatch to the Telegraph from Madrid, says that when the Westburne was captured, her name was changed to Moeve, and that the original German raider named Moeve was then sunk. This action was taken because the original Moeve had been badly damaged.

### UNDER KAISER'S DIRECTIONS.

PARIS, To-day. The Petit Parisien correspondent at the front says, that the great German offensive at Verdun is under the personal direction of Emperor William, who arrived at headquarters on Saturday last, and who, in order that nothing should go wrong, immediately ordered that a sort of dress rehearsal of the attack be made. At a given signal, the correspondent says, every infantryman in the front took the post assigned to him in advance and the motions of a general attack were gone through behind the lines. The Emperor seemingly was satisfied and gave the order to begin the offensive on Sunday night.

### THE FRENCH ARE CONFIDENT.

LONDON, To-day. The Times, this morning says it has information that the French are more than usually confident and serene and are inclined to contemplate the German onslaught with considerable satisfaction.

### JAP FLEET NOT IN MEDITERRANEAN.

TOKYO, To-day. The Japanese Navy Department announces four warships are being sent to the Indian Ocean to replace other Japanese units there. The report that a Japanese fleet has been sent to the Mediterranean is stated to be unfounded.

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### DETECTIVES BUSY.

Last evening and this forenoon Detectives Byrne and Tobin were engaged removing goods, alleged to have been stolen, from the home of Mrs. Charles Butler, on Colonial Street, to the police station. Accused, who is now on remand in the several charges of larceny on Tuesday next.

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### An Appropriate Debate.

"Resolved—That the Colonies should bear their proportionate part of Britain's Financial Cost of the Great War, based upon their Trade Returns" was the interesting question up for discussion at last night's sitting of the M. C. L. I. Dr. Modell supported the resolution and claimed that it was our duty as well as our proud privilege to contribute our proportionate part of the financial cost of the war, and that the question of finance and how to meet it was as patriotic an item of the conflict as the one of loans. The people of the United Kingdom are already over-burdened in providing ways and means to throw down Prussian Militarism and that while in the British Isles the taxation of the people had increased 100 per cent, the taxes in the colonies had increased but a fifth of that.

The second and third speakers for the affirmative were unavoidably absent, but Dr. Fenwick and Mr. Wm. Drover kindly volunteered to speak to the question and ably supported Dr. Modell. Mr. S. P. Whiteway opposed the Resolution, taking as his platform "No taxation, no representation." It was not right, he thought, to compel the colonies to contribute a proportional part of the cost of a struggle which they were not responsible for. The history of our colonies does not

### Public Health.

show any precedent for an adoption of the Resolution. No partnership exists between our colonies and our Motherland, and the colonies had no obligations which they have not already discharged. Given, said Mr. Whiteway, that the colonies have an executive say in the councils, and a voice in the foreign—though home—policy, then it will be incumbent upon us to give our proportional offering in treasure as we have done in blood. Messrs. Bursay and Smith supported Mr. Whiteway's contention and made excellent speeches. An interesting discussion followed, several members of the audience taking part, and on the vote being called for it was found that the affirmative had won by a good majority. "The Minimum Wage" will be the question for next week.

### McMurdo's Store News

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very high tax should be placed on this article so that the use of it may be reduced to a minimum. Thanking you in anticipation. Yours, PRECAUTION. St. John's, Feb. 24, 1916.

### In Milady's Boudoir.



TO HAVE A PRETTY MOUTH. If your mouth is defective, improve the shape of your lips by avoiding careless habits. Many pretty women are disfigured by careless habits of mouthing their words, of chewing their lips, and of ridiculous contortions while they talk. The real time to train feminine mouths to beauty is in our infancy. Our mothers should have begun the work, and when we reached the age of intelligence we should have carried it forward. If the mouth is too large it can be trained to lesser size by tender pinching of the corners. This makes the lips at the corners almost indistinguishable and diminishes the size. This must be most tenderly and gently done.

Also train the lips to deepen the beauty cleft by pushing the middle portions together with the first finger. This light pressure, four or five times a day and when you are dressing and undressing, will marvellously reduce the mouth. The lips should be lightly massaged at night just before falling asleep. Do not use glycerine alone on the lips nor any other substance that draws moisture from the skin, and that moisture should be replaced by the water with which the glycerine should be mixed.

As to color, the lips should not be too red. The normal lips should be of the same color as the gums, a deep pink or a light red, not blood red, but three shades at least lighter than the arterial blood. Preserve the color by keeping the bodily health good. If the circulation is defective the lips will be pale. If we become anemic, pallid lips will be one of the first signs of our state. To make them healthy red improve the tone of the system.

Mansonville, June 27, 11. Minard's Liniment Co., Limited. Yarmouth, N. S. Gentlemen—It affords me great pleasure and must be gratifying to you to know that after using 35 bottles of your Liniment on a case of paralysis which my father was afflicted with, I was able to restore him to normal condition. Hoping other sufferers may be benefited by the use of your Liniment I am, Sincerely yours, GEO. H. HOLMES.

LOADING FISHERY.—The following vessels are now loading fish: Norway, and L.H.B. from G. M. Barr, Bona from Crosbie & Co's, and the Cyclone from L. entered at Charlottetown yesterday to load shore codling, from P. Templeman for Gibraltar.

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### War News

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WEATHER SEVERE IN LONDON. The British Isles to-day grip of the severest several years' Reports thinnest show that severe gales throughout Europe.

ST. PIERRE BULLY. PARIS, Feb. 24. There is grenade fighting and sniping in the north of Verdun a fierce struggle continued all the right banks of the Meuse south of Ornes. Owing to fierce bombardment of our position of Drabant on the troops evacuated the cover of darkness, protected flanking fires from our side on the Meuse. An

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