

TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

MONEY THROWN AWAY.

TOKIO, Dec. 20. The dreadnought Tosa was launched today at Nagasaki. Like her sister ship the Kaga, launched a month ago, the Tosa is slated to be scrapped. These ships were estimated to cost \$100,000,000 yen (\$8,500,000) each to complete, and one third of that in their present state. Each is 700 feet long, has a normal displacement of 40,600 tons, and was to be armed with a main battery of sixteen inch guns.

NO DETAILS.

LISBON, Dec. 20. A decree was issued to-day, signed by all the ministers of the Portuguese cabinet, dissolving Parliament and fixing January 8 as the date for a general election. Despatches from London last night declared a revolutionary movement had broken out in Portugal, accompanied by bloodshed but details were lacking.

WILL TAKE PLEBISCITE.

DUBLIN, Dec. 20. Deputy John Milroy, speaking in the House this afternoon in support of the Treaty with Great Britain, demanded that the Government should accept the plebiscite received from Eamon De Valera and other opponents of the Treaty. He promised to submit the question of ratification to a vote of the Irish people.

POLITICAL ALLIANCE.

SASKATOON, SASK., Dec. 20. It was learned here to-night that T. H. Cresser will go to Ottawa to talk with McKenzie King the question of an Alliance between the Liberals and Progressives in the formation of the Government.

FORGOT IT POSSIBLY.

LONDON, Dec. 20. The Portuguese legation here announced to-night that it had received customary despatches from Lisbon to-day and that in them there was no mention whatever of a revolution.

MILLIONS FOR RUSSIAN RELIEF.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21. Senate to-day passed a House bill appropriating twenty million dollars for relief of starving and distressed Russia.

MINERS WILL WAIT.

SYDNEY, N.S., Dec. 21. Impression gains here that action of the Scotia corporations in announcing thirty-three per cent. reduction in miners wages, effective January first, will produce no immediate action among the miners, who are expected to await the outcome of their application to the Dominion Government for a Conciliation Board.

LOCKING HORNS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. Representatives of eleven big American and Canadian paper manufacturing firms, and their 12,000 employees, met to-day before an Arbitration Board appointed to pass on the proposed wage reductions. The manufacturers told the Board that wages of 25 per cent. were necessitated by the condition of the industry and depressed prices, but employees contended decreases in prices of paper and cost of living did not warrant such wage reductions.

BOTH MAY AGREE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21. The acceptance by France with reservations of United States proposal of 175,000 tons in capital ships each for France and Italy, swept the Arms Conference forward to-night to its last major problem, the submarine issue. Italy has agreed to accept the 175,000 ton figure if France does so.

MAY BE SETTLED BEFORE.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 21. The National Executive of the Self-Determination for Ireland League will meet in Ottawa early in the New Year to consider the Irish question.

MAJORITY FOR TREATY.

DUBLIN, Dec. 21. Eireann, this morning, entered the day of its public discussion of the Irish Peace Treaty. The claims of the opposing factions ranged from a majority of two against the Treaty to ten in its favor.

THE DISCOMFITURE.

OF DE VALERA. LONDON, Dec. 21. Eamon De Valera was worsted in yesterday's debate in Dail Eireann as a result of John Milroy's disclosure of a substitute oath of allegiance, said to have been prepared by Mr. De Valera, is the opinion of English newspaper correspondents in Dublin, who did not look upon the developments as being favorable to ratification, however, as for the first time they omitted from their despatches conditions as to any probable result of the vote. Some thought it significant that Dublin newspapers yesterday, for the first time, admitted the possibility of the Treaty's rejection, while others which this admission implied. In regard to yesterday's debate, a Daily reporter wrote "the great De Valera and his companions were completely discomfited by Milroy's disclosure, they may summon remnants of resistance Wednesday, yet none the less they will never again 'take the name'." The prospect of a bitter political struggle resulting from de-

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bates in Dail was discussed in some quarters, where it was said that accusations of treachery have been privately spread and fostered. These were causing a split which could hardly be healed, and were likely eventually to lead even to physical encounters. George Gavan Duffy, one of the Irish plenipotentiaries was the first speaker this morning. He said "I will recommend the Treaty, reluctantly, but sincerely, because I see no alternative"

AN EARLY NEST—No, not a bird's, but a nest of Pudding Bowls; 8 sizes at STEELE'S.

A Laundry That Washes Coal.

Nearly every colliery in Great Britain is equipped with a laundry. It is not used for washing the shirts of the miners, or even for supplying them with clean collars when they take a holiday.

It is placed up near the mouth of the pit for washing and cleaning the coal.

The washery, as it is called, removes all the dirt and other rubbish from the coal, and separates stone and rock from legitimate fuel.

Coal so treated is almost doubled the value, particularly when it is exported.

During the war, so great was the demand for British coal, that the colliery proprietors had no time to wash it, and many were the complaints of householders that the fuel they had to burn was full of slate and stone.

Now, however, that Great Britain is endeavoring to recapture foreign markets, all the smaller coal, such as "nuts" and "peas," is being washed.

When the full trams, or underground trucks, come up to the surface from the collieries working below there is much in them besides coal that is fit to be burnt. They pass over the weighbridge, so that each individual worker may be credited with his production, and then pass on at once to the "laundry."

Each tram is run into a huge cylinder and securely fastened. The cylinder turns a complete circle, thus emptying the coal from the train on a chute.

The upper half of this is fitted with bars, like a gridiron, about four inches apart, and between these the smaller coal falls. The big lumps pass on down the chute, along a smaller gully, where boys pick out places of stone with great agility, and thence into railway trucks.

The coal which passes between the bars falls on to a moving platform, by which it is carried into a revolving tapered drum covered with wire of a fairly fine mesh. This shakes out a certain amount of dirt and very fine "duff," or coal dust.

The coal then passes down yet another chute, towards the end of which there is a large jet of water rushing in. This washes the coal into a sort of tank, where the water is kept in constant motion. The stones and dirt, being heavier, fall into a dump arrangement at the bottom, whence they are cleared by an endless chain of small buckets.

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