

To-Day's Messages.

10.00 A.M.

THE FRENCH DRIVE.

PARIS, To-day. French troops in the offensive thrust to-day north of La Faux Mill on the Aisne front accomplished an advance of three kilometres on a front of from eight to ten kilometres. The prisoners taken up to this time aggregate 3,000; 19 guns have been captured.

DESTROYER SUNK IN COLLISION.

LONDON, To-day. One of His Majesty's destroyers has been sunk as the result of a collision. Two officers and 21 men were saved.

FRENCH POLITICS.

PARIS, To-day. With a number of political leaders, including M. Barthou, M. Viviani, Albert Thomas, former Socialist member of the Council, and the Minister of Finance and others, finally summing up a meeting of the Cabinet last night, which decided on the resignation of the Ministry, President Poincaré's refusal was on the ground that inasmuch as the Chamber of Deputies had voted confidence in the Cabinet after a debate on the general policy of the Government, the customary indications were lacking as to the sentiment of the Chamber which, according to tradition and usage, would justify him in asking another statesman to form a Ministry. After this the Ministers, including M. Ribot, decided to give the Premier a free hand. This morning the forecast was that the day would bring a decision from M. Poincaré whether he would merely replace Ribot or whether there would be a more general reconstruction of the Ministry, or whether he would definitely retire.

A BRILLIANT DASH.

PARIS, To-day. In one of the swiftest and most dashing blows of the war French troops to-day smashed through the German lines north of the Aisne to a depth of more than two miles at one point, inflicted heavy losses on the enemy and captured more than 7,500 prisoners and 25 heavy guns and field guns. Several important villages also fell into the hands of the French, according to an official to-night.

THE ORAMA.

LONDON, To-day. H. M. S. armed mercantile cruiser Orana, Commander W. Moosom, was torpedoed and sunk on Friday. There were no casualties.

SINN FEINERS ROUNDED UP.

NEW YORK, To-day. Leon Mellows, one of the recognized leaders of the Sinn Fein rebellion in Ireland, was arrested Monday, 1916, and his associate, Baron Dr. Mar. Von Recklin-Hausen, a German subject, are under arrest here, it was announced late to-day by Wm. J. Flynn, chief of the U. S. Secret Service. A statement issued by Flynn said that prisoners (papers) in Von Recklin-Hausen's rooms and on his person show definitely that large sums of money had gone forward to France for ultimate German purposes. After the failure of the Irish revolution last year Mellows made his way to the States by shipping as a coal heaver. Secret Service men had him under surveillance shortly after his arrival and learned his association with Dr. Patrick McCartan, known to his Sinn Feinists as "First Ambassador to the United States of the Irish Republic." McCartan was arrested at Halifax and is now being held there pending prosecution for his complicity in the Dublin riots. According to Flynn, considerable literature and papers of interest to this Government were taken in the raid of the premises of Mellows and Von Recklin-Hausen, and it will be some time before the various ramifications of this plot can be thoroughly detailed, said Flynn. Von Recklin-Hausen was also associated with a group of Turks in one of the several houses occupied by the conspirators, said Flynn.

HEAVY GERMAN NAVAL LOSSES.

Latest advices concerning naval activity in the Gulf of Riga between the Germans and Russians show that although the Russians lost the battleship Slava and a large torpedo boat destroyer, the Germans were the heaviest losers. Two of their dreadnoughts, one cruiser, 12 torpedo boats, one transport and numerous mine sweepers were put out of action by the Russian fleet. While the exact fate of these vessels has not been ascertained by the Petrograd Government, it is announced that at least six German destroyers were sunk.

THE CANADIAN WAR COMMITTEE.

OTTAWA, To-day. The Committee, it will be observed, consists of 10 members. The duties of the War Committee, which will exist during the progress of the war and

until after demobilization, are defined in an Order-in-Council based on recommendations made by the Prime Minister. Sir Robert Borden in his recommendations observes that the constitution of such a Committee of the Cabinet is advisable for the purpose of co-ordination of the efforts of the several departments of Government for the prosecution of the war. The Prime Minister further recommended that the Committee shall inquire into and report on the status and maintenance of the military enforcement of the Military Service Act, the defence of the Canadian coasts and the patrolling of territorial and adjacent waters, arrangements for garisons and outposts in Canada, the training and equipping of troops and the internment of aliens. Generally speaking, all matters relating to the efficient prosecution of the war so far as Canada is concerned.

REPULSING THE GERMANS.

LONDON, To-day. Field Marshal Haig's report from the Flanders front to-night reads: In addition to the hostile attack reported in this morning's statement, the enemy's troops attempted to advance along the line of the Westroosebeke-Poelcapelle Road, but when some two hundred yards from our new positions they were engaged by our infantry with rifle and machine gun fire and beaten off with loss. A second attack was delivered immediately north of the Ypres-Staden Railway in considerable strength. Here also the enemy's troops were met by rifle and machine gun fire and driven off. A less powerful attack against one of the fortified farms captured by us yesterday southeast of Poelcapelle was equally unsuccessful. During the day artillery was active on both sides along the battlefield in spite of unfavorable weather.

FRENCH CONTINUE OPERATIONS.

PARIS, To-day. North of the Aisne the attack which we launched this morning developed under extremely brilliant conditions. Despite mist and rain our troops attacked with admirable enthusiasm the formidable organizations of the enemy which were defended with the best troops of the Germans, supported by heavy artillery. Pushing their advance still further, our troops after a desperate engagement drove the enemy out of the quarries of Mont Parnaso, which had been partly reached by our big shells. On the left our progress was continued with the same success, the villages of Alloumont and Vaudesson remaining in our hands, while on the right our troops carried their line on to the heights dominating Parguy-Plina. Finally the centre of our troops drove fresh enemy reserves before them. In a violent struggle they captured the village of Chavignon. At this point our advance reached a depth of three and a half kilometres, about two and a fifth miles. The enemy loss in the course of the day was heavy. In addition to that inflicted on him by our artillery preparation. The number of prisoners up to the present exceeds 7,500. An enormous amount of material was captured. We have counted 25 field cannons.

IN MACEDONIA.

EASTERN THEATRE, Oct. 22. The enemy attempted on the Serbian Front and on the Cerna bend several surprise attacks, which were repulsed.

ANOTHER GERMAN PLOT FOR IRELAND.

LONDON, To-day. The Commons to-night by a majority of 143 rejected Redmond's motion deprecating the Government's Irish policy as calculated to endanger the success of the Irish Convention. The debate was a strong one, due to the revelation by Lloyd George and Henry E. Duke of a further German plan to land arms in Ireland. Duke and Asquith both expressed the most hopeful views concerning the success of the Convention. Asquith saying that he believed that only a few months would intervene before the agreed policy would be submitted to Parliament. Concerning Ireland, Lloyd George, whose absence for the time during which the debate was on, was strongly criticized by the Irish members, made a dramatic re-appearance in the House and wound up the debate with a strong and outspoken denunciation of the Sinn Feiners and the propaganda of Professor Edward de Valera, Sinn Fein member for East Clare. He also made a strong revelation of another plot, aided by Count von Bernstorff, to land arms in Ireland. The Premier also gave his assurance to John Dillon, one of the Irish leaders, that the Government would do its utmost to put any agreement reached by the Irish Convention into legislative effect.

LITTLE GERMAN PLAN IN DENMARK.

LONDON, To-day. Details have reached London of a German plan to obtain ascendancy after the war in Denmark by ceding Denmark a small strip of former Danish territory in the north of Schleswig in return for a large sum of money

SING TO THEIR MEMORY.

Written in sincerest admiration for those who have given their lives that Right might live.

Sing to the memory of the departed!
Sing! sing aloud of the valiant and brave!
Sing to the name of the great fearless heart!
Sing how they faced the grim sword and the grave!
Sing of the power of youth
Martyred to save the truth!
Let hill and valley catch up the refrain,
Sing of the hero, rich dead!
Let it of them be said,
"Twas for the truth's sake they chose to be slain."
Sing of the great souls who marched off to battle
At the first thrill of the shrill bugle's call!
On to their doom 'mid the roar and the rattle,
Black clouds overarching them like a huge pall;
On to their death they went,
They were on victory bent—
Sing of their sacrifice, beauty and youth!
Sing how they stood the test
When hell had done its best
Their young hearts to lure from the cleanness of truth!
Sing how they stood 'midst the aches of an Ypres,
Pouring their blood like a rich crimson wine!
Placing their bodies round Verdun's great highway
Gloriously dying, illustrious their shine—
Heroes of Marne and Aisne,
Dying the right to gain,
Heroes of Mons, of Somme, of Courcellette!
Sing how they took their ride!
Sing how they crossed death's bridge!
Dare the fair future their courage forget?
Sing how they stood 'midst the dead and the dying
Tenderly lifting each fair fallen form,
While to the breeze their banners went flying
Cheering their hearts for the battle's next storm—
Sing of their fighting fame!
Sing of their splendid name!
Let it be told to the end of all time,
How they died for the Right
Giving new birth to Light,
Filling the earth with a fragrance sublime!
Sing how they stood 'midst the great shells swift showing!
Sing how they scaled over rampart and wall!
Sing how they sang when the battle came lowering
Knowing that they 'midst its horrors would fall!
There where the cannons roared
Oh! the rich life they poured
Drenching the earth 'till she groined in her plight,
Oh! the brave souls of them!
Oh! the big heart of them!
Let the world sing how they died for the right.
Sing to the memory of the departed!
Sing every aspect and prairie and plain,
Tell the rich legends of the right royal hearted,
Let field and forest thrill to the refrain,
Sing all ye stars of night!
Sing glowing words of light
Sing mountain peaks from your vast towering height,
Streets shout your loud acclaim,
Applaud the dead's fair name!
Unsurpassed Manhood who died for the Right.

St. John's, Oct. 20th, 1917.

MARIE E. WAT.

and presumably also certain economic and commercial concessions. It is suggested by the Danish Liberal Hovedstad that the sum of money involved is that which Denmark received from the United States as payment for the Danish West Indies. This newspaper strongly denounces the German proposal, declaring that Germany expects to get not only the money but a hold on Denmark which would make Denmark, economically and nationally a dependency of Germany.

LIBERAL SUPPORTS UNION GOVERNMENT.

OTTAWA, To-day. Hon. W. S. Fielding, for fifteen years Minister of Finance under Laurier, gave out last night a statement asking general support for the Union Government and endorsing the action taken by Hon. A. K. MacLean in entering the Government as a representative of Nova Scotia Liberalism.

ACT WORKING WELL.

OTTAWA, To-day. "The successful operation of the Military Service Act is assured," E. D. Newcombe, Deputy Minister of Justice and Chairman of the Military Service Council, declared last night. "I am well pleased with the results of the first week's operations, and it would appear that if the prescribed rate of progress be maintained the general response to class one by November 10 will be quite satisfactory."

AHEAD OF THE WASTAGE.

OTTAWA, To-day. The total enlistments in the Canadian Expeditionary Force from the first to the fifteenth of October exceeded the total wastage during the period by 571 men, according to a statement issued by the Militia Department last night.

DISSATISFACTION SPREADING IN GERMAN ARMY.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, To-day.—The weather was again wet and dreary and the battle

ground shrouded in dense mist. New gains progressed well yesterday and excepting for a fortified post fringing Houthulst Forest, which the Germans re-occupied after a vigorous counter attack last night, we are pretty well established in the captured positions. The Germans fought determinedly, especially in the little dip through which the Staden Railway runs and the ground in the south of the railway. Their front defences seem held more strongly than in the earlier battles in this region, but their machine gun barrage, intense in its effects lately, was luckily minimized owing to the thick weather. We carried, despite a strong resistance, a network of fortified buildings and concrete redoubts at the southern flank of the attack progress does not appear to have been so fast, due to the desperate resistance of the enemy, who fears the threat to the high ground about Passchendaele. The Anglo-French gunners are now searching the Houthulst Forest. The German army is beginning to think and talk in a manner which must cause concern to the higher command. The Bavarians are grumbling at being sacrificed to save the Prussians. A German non-commissioned officer gives a good illustration of the extent of the dissatisfaction. He states that a fortnight ago thirteen men of his company deserted, saying they were going home. One actually reached home and the others were arrested en route. The significant thing is that all were sent back to their regiment, the higher command evidently shrinking from adopting the approved method with them. Another incident reflects eloquently on the German man-power problem. Last Sunday a German soldier wandered into our lines on the Menin Road. He was four feet high and half witted. The only information he could give was that he had been drafted from a recruit depot five weeks earlier.

SIGNIFICANT.

BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE, To-day.—In one of the redoubts captured

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from the Germans on Monday north-east of Ypres British troops found a German officer who had been executed by his own soldiers. His hands had been bound behind him and he had been shot. The garrison of the redoubt surrendered readily to the advancing British.

Prohibition Case.

IN MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

The usual gathering of pro and anti-prohibitionists assembled at the Court House this morning to hear what promised to be an interesting case. The subject was a "script" which was lost and found, but not by the party to whom it belonged. In brief, the story as given in evidence is as follows:—A well-known city doctor and specialist in his profession gave a script to a nephew of an elderly man who for some years has been an invalid and is now practically in a dying condition. The party who obtained the script was unable to get it filled at the Government Dispensary owing to the fact that the brand of liquor required was not in stock. The script remained in his possession till several months later, when he lost it. Unfortunately for all concerned the winds that prevailed blew the troublesome piece of paper along New Gower Street where it passed for a few minutes at the feet of an individual who says he was drunk, "but not blind drunk," and stooping down picked up the script and without applying his spectacles read its contents, and forthwith made off to a drug store on the same street in hopes of passing it off as genuine. He was, however, given a point blank refusal, whereupon he threatened the proprietor, and meeting him near the railway station shortly after assaulted him. The drugist immediately made a complaint to the officer on duty at the police station who happened to be Head Constable S. Noseworthy. The script in question had been held by the defendant for some time, and a summons issued for the Dr. who gave it. The defendant testified as to his innocence in the matter, stating that he gave the script for medical purposes, knowing that the applicant required the stimulant for a sick uncle of whose condition he was well aware. What happened to the script after it left his hands he could not say. Messrs. C. E. Hunt and B. E. Dunfield for the plaintiff and Mr. W. J. Higgins for the defendant. After reviewing the case Judge Morris reserved judgment.

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Portia Sails.

The s.s. Portia sailed for the Westward route at 10 a.m. to-day, taking a large freight and the following first class passengers: Messrs. J. Short, W. Matthews, F. Lambert, D. Smith, M. Handigan, G. F. Lake, Weston, G. Collins, F. Morey, E. Carberry, C. Collins, F. Collins, J. Gosling, R. Sexton, J. Bennett, J. Coady, E. Keadall, F. Murphy, J. Dover, F. Dover, J. Hodge, G. Matthews, W. Hamlyn; Const. Bartlett; Revs. Kirby, McDermott, Hall, Gravett; Messrs. McDermott, Handigan, Hall, Coady, Keeping, Brockville, Tobin; Misses Sparrow, Alcock, Ryan, Flander, Mercer and 30 stowage.

McMurdo's Store News

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 24, '17. Have you an obstinate corn—one of those that have defied ordinary remedies and which you have despaired of ever getting rid of? If you have try one thing more—Acme Corn Silk. Acme Corn Silk has removed many "attackers" in the way of corns, and it used according to directions is nearly certain to remove the most difficult corn. Price 10c. a pkg. As a gentle but sure laxative, especially for ladies and children, use Pigeon. Pleasant to take, pleasant in action. Price 10c and 25c. a tin.

Presentation.

On Saturday afternoon the employees of the R. N. Co. freight department called on Mr. J. J. Lacey and presented him with a handsome arm chair on the occasion of his resignation from the Company. Mr. Lacey served the Company for thirteen years, and during the last ten years which he spent in the freight office he gained the friendship and good will of his associates, all of whom, though regretting his departure, congratulate him upon his new appointment as manager of J. J. Lacey & Co. Ltd. The recipient thanked the donors warmly for their thoughtfulness and for their gift, and expressed the desire to merit always the esteem in which they held him. The usual refreshments and smoke terminated a happy occasion.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES

COLDS, ETC.

Casualty List.

(Received October 24th, 1917.)

At Wandsworth—Pyrexia.

785—Private Thomas J. Atkins, Leslie Street.

(Previously Reported.)

Lieut. Gerald C. Harvey, King's Bridge Road, Gunpowder Wound, severe. Prince of Wales Hospital, London.

Lieut. Eric G. A. Randall, 72 Military Road, Shell Shock, Wandsworth.

1820—Private Frank Coxworthy, Freshwater Road, Shell Wounds, Right Leg, Wandsworth.

2199—Private Howard Ball, Grand Falls, Shell Wound Left Elbow, Wandsworth. Amputation Left Arm.

230—Private Patrick McDonald, Grand Falls, Dangerously Wounded, King George Hospital.

2612—Private Thos. Noseworthy, Water St. W., Harbor, Grace, Gunshot Wound Face, Back, King George Hospital. Dangerously ill.

3414—Lt. Corp. Walter E. V. Squire, Morris Point, Bonne Bay, Fatality, Addington Park, Convalescent, Pneumothorax.

3194—Private Herbert S. Inder, Springdale, N.E.B. Dangerously ill, Shell Wounds penetrating Back, Slightly improved, Oct. 15.

R. A. SQUIRES, Colonial Secretary.

Here and There.

THE PROSPERO.—The S.S. Prospero left Nippers Harbor at 4 p.m. yesterday, going north.

PHOTO OF CAPT. NANGLE.—On

exhibition in the showcase of Mr. J. C. Parsons, Photographer, Bank of Montreal Building, is a large framed photograph of Capt. (Rev.) Nangle, C.F., measuring 14 inches by 11 inches. It is by far the best photograph of the soldier priest yet taken.

Hr. Grace Notes.

The sad news was received in town yesterday that Pte. W. J. Lilly, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Lilly, of this town, had been killed in action in France. The sympathy of the whole community goes out to the bereaved family.

The Bell Island steamer with a number of passengers arrived from Bell Island on Saturday. Among the passengers were Mr. and Mrs. E. Barnes, both being Harbor Gracians. They came in to have a look at the old home. They returned to the Island via Kelligrews, by Monday's train.

Rev. Dr. James occupied the pulpit of the Kirk yesterday morning. Rev. F. S. Coffin, the Pastor of the Church is expected home on Thursday of this week.

Amongst the passengers by this morning's train were Mr. and Mrs. E. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Sellars and Miss Bertha McKay for Bell Island; Miss W. Whiteway for St. John's; Mr. William Simmons, Pte. J. Humphrey, Capt. Charles Webber and George Webber, also for St. John's.

The two cases of diptheria now under quarantine here are improving rapidly and we hope in a few days to have a "clean" bill of health again.

A public meeting was held in the Town Hall on Friday night with a view of getting a hospital for Harbor Grace. The need is quite plain, and there should be very little difficulty in inducing the Government to give us this very necessary institution. Not only would it benefit the town and bay, but it would relieve the strain on the General Hospital, St. John's. Let us have the hospital. —COR.

TRAIN MOVEMENTS.—The

incoming express left Port aux Basques shortly after 8 a.m. to-day. The outgoing express left Quarry at 8.35 a.m. to-day.

BORN.

At 40 LeMarchant Road, on the 23rd inst., to Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Smallwood, a son.

DIED.

In Brooklyn, N. Y., Sarah, aged 44 years, wife of the late James E. Shea and daughter of the late Thomas and Ann Squires, of this city; left to mourn are five children, one brother and sister in Brooklyn, N.Y., two brothers and two sisters in St. John's. —R. F. P.

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