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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Dublin Dec. 11th.—Thomas Kelly, Sinn Fein member of the House of Commons, was arrested in the course of a number of raids by the police and military this morning, when the houses of several prominent Sinn Fein leaders were searched. The residences searched by the authorities in this process included the home of Count Plunkett who was absent at the time of the official visits. Several other arrests were made besides that of Kelly. The prisoners were taken to Kingstown in military lorries. They were then placed in row boats and taken out to a warship which sailed for an English port. The approaches to the harbour were guarded by the military with armoured cars and tanks. It is rumoured that the destination of the prisoners is Wormwood Scrubbs Jail, in London. Kelly was served on Tuesday evening with a police magistrate's order to close the Sinn Fein headquarters, which, despite several raids and its suppression by proclamation, has continued in operation. The order was not obeyed, the headquarters still being open when the raid took place.

The Hague, Dec. 10th.—“If previously, we have not regarded him as a danger to our country, he is now proving to be a danger”, said Deputy Sannes, in the Chamber of Deputies today referring to Ex-Emperor William of Germany. The Deputy was dealing with a book written by Karl Kautsky, a German Socialist, which Sannes declares, showed that the former Emperor was the cause of the world-war. The date of Kautsky's Book was said to have been obtained from the official archives in Berlin. Deputy Sannes asked the Government to

reconsider the question of the sojourn at Amerongen of the Former Emperor, and to seriously consider the question of his extradition. This incident constituted the first serious Anti-Kaiser movement to occur in the Dutch Government.

London, Dec. 10th.—At the Trades Union Congress today, Mr. Thomas, Labour member of Parliament for Derby, and General Secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, reporting the interview he had with Mr. Lloyd George on Monday, said the premier admitted that it was the duty of the state to find work or provide subsistence for the unemployed, and looked upon society's failing in that respect as barbarous.

London, Dec. 11th.—Mr Thomas, General Secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, speaking of his recent interview with Mr Lloyd George, at the Trades Union Congress, stated that the Premier intimated to him, that the Iron moulders strike was having a paralyzing effect, not only on the iron trade, but Woolwich, where repairs of various kinds were greatly hampered. He thought the labour movement should find some method of settling the disputes. Mr. Lloyd George also said the Trade Unionists, especially the boiler makers, were hindering the making of locomotives at Woolwich. The Premier expressed the opinion that continuance of the unemployed dole would prejudice a scheme to be submitted ultimately. This has reference to the proposed national unemployment insurance bill. Regarding Russia, the Premier said the policy he outlined was the govt. policy, and that when the £15,000,000 last voted, was spent, no support of any kind would be given for Russian Intervention. With respect to the demands for the abolition of conscription, Mr. Lloyd George pointed out that peace had not yet been ratified, and declared that it would be madness to abolish the conscription act while any danger in connection with evasions by Germany existed.

HOW MANY SOUNDS DO WE HEAR?

According to Helmholtz's theory, the ear possesses 16,000 tiny “strings,” each responding to a different sound and having a central nerve station that conveys the sense of sound produced by the resonance of these strings to the brain.

A new theory has now been brought forward by Sir Thomas Wrightson, who believes that the ear is really a delicate spring balance which weighs the weight

of the sound waves, and communicates these weights as sound to the brain.

This would mean only one piece of mechanism in the ear, against 16,000 supposed by Helmholtz, and it is quite conceivable, because all the strings and wind instruments in a chord played by an orchestra are produced in the gramophone by one depression in the record.

There is really no such thing as sound! If 256 air waves follow each other in a second, we hear the note C; if twice that number follow in a second, we have the C an octave higher. The quality of the sound—a human voice or the tinkle of a bell—depends on the shape of the fronts of the waves.

These disturbances of the air make the eardrum vibrate, and the ear mechanism converts the vibrations into what we call sound. It is the brain which makes the music or noise for us out of what is merely mechanical motion, just as it makes light out of what are merely waves passing through ether.—*Everyday Life.*

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formerly the S. S. “Shoshone” sailed from New York midnight the tenth December with a full cargo of forty thousand barrels capacity, and sixty-two cabin and ninety-six steerage passengers.

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