

llor, whose varied political and duties necessitated fifteen hours of daily toil. He stated that his eye affection was not due to any organic weakness. Lord Lee, first Lord of the Admiralty, replied with some piquancy to a question, drawing attention to recent claims in regard to aircraft possibilities by the air Secretary. Lord Lee said it was the considered opinion of the Admiralty that nothing had occurred in recent air-craft developments to substantially reduce the fighting value of capital ships and that the capital ship would keep pace with any aircraft developments. Regarding the United States experiments with under water explosion bombs dropped by aircraft, he said there was nothing in them when the conditions under which the experiments took place were understood. The admiralty were devoting much time to experiments, and they were hopeful by means of gun-fire to make capital ships practically immune from air attacks.

London, March 30th.—In a long statement explaining the discussions and plans of last weeks Near East Conference of Foreign Ministers in Paris, Marquis Curzon said in the House of Lords today that the International Straits Commission would remain intact. The Foreign Secretary added that all the great Powers, including the United States, if she cared to join, would be represented on the Commission, as well as Russia, if she fulfilled the required conditions. He said it was also anticipated to invite Turkey to join in the League of Nations when peace between Turkey and Greece had been ratified. He announced that the conditions arranged at Paris for the evacuation of Anatolia by Greece would be published as soon as the armistice had been accepted by both sides. Lord Curzon said, Constantinople would be evacuated as soon as possible after peace had been concluded, and that the Sultan would be allowed to maintain a limited force there sufficient for a seat of Government. He said, it was considered unjust and impracticable to ask Greece to evacuate the whole of Eastern Thrace, in addition to Anatolia. Moreover, if the Greeks were asked to retire from Thrace, "we should be confronted with a direct refusal", and he added he was unaware of any force in existence which would successfully expel them.

London, March 30th.—Horace Jones, the Canadian heavyweight champion, lost his 20 round bout with Albert Lloyd, the Australian tonight, on a foul in the tenth round, just as he had the Australian practically out.

Washington, March 30th.—A resolution requesting President Harding to issue an invitation tonight to representatives of Miners and Operators to meet here tomorrow in an effort to avert the coal strike, was taken up late today for discussion by the House Labor Commit-

tee in executive session. John Gore, legislative agent of the United Mine Workers of America, told a house committee today that if the miners and operators could meet tomorrow and adopt a resolution extending the present wage rates and conditions, pending negotiations of a new wage contract, messages could be sent to all districts, and when delivered, there would be no stoppage of work in the coal fields.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 30th.—Officials of the mine workers of America today indicated a willingness to meet the operators at the invitation of President Harding, but no hope was held out by them that such a conference tomorrow would avert the miners suspension of work. Formal comment on the proposal, however, was withheld by the Union leaders.

Washington, March 30th.—The nine-power Far Eastern treaty toward the open door policy in China was ratified today by the Senate. No reservations or amendments were proposed to the pact, and on the final vote all Senate elements joined in approving it.

Toronto, March 30th.—Sir John C. Eaton died tonight.

London, March 30th.—The largest decrease in unemployment throughout the United Kingdom occurred last week, the number being announced by the Labour Ministry at 30,325. The total unemployed now amounts to 1,762,076, as compared with 1,811,338 on March first.

Berlin, March 30th.—A resolution declaring the demands of a reparation commission to be intolerable and expressing approval of Chancellor Wirth's statements with regard to the commission demands, was passed by the Reichstag today.

London, March 30th.—Plans for a proposed imperial airship line from London to India and Australia were forecasted this afternoon by Commander O. Dennis Burney, at a conference at which the agent General of Tasmania presided. Commander Burney said he had a definite financial offer to the Govt. and that the largest of the Engineering and Oil Companies of Great Britain were associated with the project.

London, March 30th.—Desperate efforts are being made by British Capitalists to prevent the sale of four airships, which were recently advertised in the American press, to foreigners. The time for action on the part of the British interests expires tomorrow, and tonight a bid for the operation of the craft was presented to the Govt. The interests, which include men connected with the vickers and shell oil group, have offered to form a company with \$20,000,000 capital to take over the ships and run them in mail and passenger services between England India and Australia. The plan provides for a bi-weekly service at first, to expand later into sailings on alternate days. The combination wants the Govt. to give them the ships and landing stations in England

in return for the establishment and operation of the service.

London, March 31st.—The Minister of Agriculture stated in the House of Commons yesterday that in view of the raw sugar beet industry in this country and the present conditions of unemployment, the Govt. had decided that no excise duty would be charged on home-grown sugar. A provision for the removal of the existing excise duty will be inserted in the next finance bill. This decision will not bind future Govt., but he hoped that until the industry had been fairly well established, no duty would be established.

London, March 31st.—In the Oxford Cambridge University boat race on the Thames tomorrow, J. Peddler, of Worcester, weighing twelve stone replaces Barter as Oxford's number four. Barter strained his back muscles while practicing for the annual contest.

London, March 31st.—R. D. Walker the last of the famous seven cricketing brothers of Southgate, died yesterday. He was the President of the Middlesex Cricket Club.

London, March 31st.—The decision of the committee on privileges of the House of Lords, which recently allowed Viscountess Rhonda to take a seat in that body requires ratification by the House of Lords itself, before it becomes effective. The matter was brought forward in the Upper House when Lord Birkenhead moved that the decision be referred for consideration. He said there were many serious legal points to be considered. He did not desire to commit himself either way, but said there was a formidable case to be argued on the other side. His motion was carried.

Moscow, March 31st.—The pea! of the famine in the Volga has been passed hence-forth conditions will rapidly improve, Col Haskell, director of American relief administration work in Russia, stated yesterday. Barring unforeseen difficulties, he believed all deaths from starvation in the Volga will cease within a month. The statement says that Mr. Hoover, director of United States relief, now has enough foodstuffs on the way to feed nearly ten million Russians. No food-stuffs beyond the Hoover Programme for the Volga will be required to prevent starvation until the next harvest, he continues, but the carrying out of that programme will tax the capacity of Russian transport to the utmost.

Dublin, March 31st.—The agreement signed in London was given an enthusiastic reception by both the Unionist "Irish Times" and the Nationalist "Irish Independent". The former considers that the terms of the document signed in London represent a broadminded and generous effort to remove all causes of strife between the North and South and lay the foundation for a national settlement.