

Library will be opened to the public. It is hoped that this will be within two or three weeks. When the Library has been opened, it will be formally transferred to the management of the Library Commission, which has been appointed by the Council, and which consists of Dr. D. C. Canegata, *Chairman*, Mr. F. A. Coptier and Mr. R. L. Merwin.—*Com.*

TELEGRAM.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Washington, Dec. 13th.—An embargo for one year against the importation of wheat, wheat-flour, barley, rye, oats, flax wool, hogs, cattle and sheep was proposed today by representative Young (republican) of North Dakota. He also introduced a Bill establishing a permanent schedule of import duties upon these items after the new year embargo.

London, Dec. 13th.—Sir Hamar Greenwood in answering questions in the House of Commons today with regard to the Cork conflagration, said it was not known by whom the fires were started, but he protested strongly against suggesting without any evidence, that the fires had been started by forces of the Crown. There was no evidence to that effect, declared Sir Hamar, and it was obvious to anybody, he said, that fires of this kind were the only possible arguments to be used against the Government policy in Ireland. He declared there was not the slightest evidence to confirm the reports that three civilians in Cork had been dragged from their horses and shot, or that the house of the fire brigade were fired upon. Every available policeman and the military had turned out to assist the firemen. There was some evidence that the fires had been started with incendiary bombs. There were no incendiary bombs in the possession of the military, but the Sinn Feiners had such bombs. He believed that the fires had nothing to do with the ambush of the military lorry.

Washington, Dec. 13th.—Approval of another three year building programme involving the construction of 88 vessels, if the United States does not enter the League of Nations or a similar world organization, is given by Secretary Daniels in his annual report today to President Wilson. The three year programme recommended by the General Board to be under way by 1923 includes the construction of 3 battleships, 16 battlecruisers, 30 light cruisers, 8 gunboats, 18 destroyer leaders, 13 mine laying submarines, 6 cruiser submarine, 4 aeroplane carriers, three destroyer tenders, and 3 submarine tenders. "If the United States takes its stand with the other countries in an organization to prevent war and promote peace", Mr. Daniels says, "our present Navy, with the addition of some special types, will be adequate for our defence

and the prevention of aggression".

Dawson, Dec. 14th.—Winter operations on the Yukon gold company's central group of claims on Kone hill revealed, according to mail advices received from the Mayo district, silver deposits rivalling in richness the Keno-dyke famous placer gold of Eldorado and Bonanza. One new vein of solid galena, eight feet wide, reported to have been opened in the rice claim near to discovery and another new rich vein is reported on the claim. One sample of ore ran 14 000 ounces of silver to the ton, while 5,000 ounces to the ton and five foot veins are commonly reported. The average of the ore is more than 200 ounces to the ton.

London, Dec. 13th.—The Rev. Michael O'Flanagan, acting President of the Sinn Fein, has requested Mr. Lloyd George for time in which to consult with Professor Edmond de Valera and Arthur Griffith respecting the endeavours now being made to bring about a truce in Ireland. Father O'Flanagan made this request in reply to a letter from the Premier in which Mr. Lloyd George, responding to the first proposal looking to a truce, said the Govt. did not lag behind any section of the Irish people in the desire that Ireland should enjoy the blessings of peace and prosperity and was prepared to offer facilities for a complete discussion of the whole situation. Seeking the cooperation of the Govt. to this end, Father O'Flanagan said, "In the meantime I ask that you personally join with me in an appeal to all parties concerned in this struggle to allow, at this opportune time of the year, the spirit of the founder of our civilization to mitigate their anger toward one another, that the desire for peace may have root and grow in the heart of two neighbouring nations that ought to live in harmony and mutual helpfulness".

New York, Dec. 14th.—The American sugar refining company announced today another reduction of $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent on the price of refined sugar to the basis of 8 cents per pound for fine granulated quotations of other refiners remained unchanged, ranging from $8\frac{1}{4}$ to $8\frac{1}{2}$.

London, Dec. 14th.—The House of Lords today gave the third reading to the Home Rule bill and passed the measure after another motion for its rejection had been defeated.

Madison Square Garden, N. Y., Dec. 14th.—Jack Dempsey, the world's heavy weight champion, knocked out Bill Brennan of Chicago tonight in the twelfth round of the first heavy weight match staged in New York since the walker law became operative.

London, Dec. 14th.—An investigation by a military commission on the fires which swept the city of Cork on Saturday night and Sunday was expected to be completed there today. Major General Strickland, Commander of the military

forces in Ireland, is the head of the commission, and the taking of evidence began yesterday. The Major of Cork and two Sinn Fein members of Parliament have been called to explain allegations they have made in a despatch sent to various foreign Ambassadors here relative to outrages which they declare to have been perpetrated in Cork during the past week. The announcement of the commission was awaited with keen interest by the people of London today, as the question of who was responsible for the fires in Cork has assumed great importance since the conflagration. In the absence of clear evidence rival elements have been doing their utmost to fix the blame on the military police, or the Irish extremists respectively. Sir Hamar Greenwood, speaking in the House of Commons last night, asserted that the auxiliary police did not start the fires, and pointed out that they were not equipped with incendiary bombs which new despatches assert were used to spread the flames. Prospects of a truce in Ireland appear to have been blasted by the most recent events in that island, declared Sir Hamar, so far as the representatives of the English people and the representatives of the Irish are concerned. Newspapers generally declare the investigation in Cork should establish the guilt of those who set fire, and they demand that punishment be meted out to those responsible for the outrages. The national credit says one journal, "is deeply involved as long as doubt persists or as long as any proper measure remains to be taken. Some newspapers expressed dissatisfaction with the fact that the Cork investigation is not being conducted by civilians, but others declare General Strickland was a high reputation for impartiality and justice. It was recalled by Sir Hamar Greenwood last night, that following a recent attempt against the General's life that officer immediately and successfully took steps to prevent reprisal. The telephone service between England and Dublin, which was interrupted last night, was resumed this morning. The break in communication gave rise to much speculation and some anxiety here. There has been no explanation of the incident. Dublin passed a quiet night, according to a message to the Exchange Telegraph Company from that city this morning.

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