

on the policemen was directed against the officers who were guarding the custom house and a brisk exchange of shots followed. The fray occurred at nine o'clock in the evening in a busy neighbourhood and so terrified the crowds of shoppers that they fled homeward in a panic. Afterwards the police and the military raided a large section of the city holding up and searching everyone they found out of doors and invaded and searched numerous houses. Later in the evening a hostile crowd assembled in Waterloo Square, a Sinn Fein thoroughfare, and had to be dispersed by the military. Even after the Curfew hour there was almost unceasing revolver and rifles for two hours or more with occasional sounds like explosions of bombs.

Toronto, Nov. 8th.—A prominent Canadian tea firm, with headquarters at Toronto has announced a cut from 70c. to 55c. per pound retail, for one of the popular varieties of tea. It is stated that other tea concerns will probably follow. It is explained here that there is a glut on the British and Canadian tea markets, owing to the fact that the British merchants have been unable to get their long hoarded stocks in on Russian markets. It is understood that the Canadian tea firms, will have to accept considerable losses as the result of the cut.

Berlin, Nov. 8th.—German university professors and members of the Reichstag have drawn up a reply to the appeal for re-establishment of the friendly intercourse which existed before the war, which the professors and doctors university recently addressed to professors of arts and sciences and members of universities and learned societies in Germany and Austria. Science knows only one aim, the search after truth, and it requires for the performance of this task the common labour of all, regardless of national boundaries says the German reply. "The war has interrupted this joint labour and dissolved many personalities. We are ready to resume these conditions and by common labour to relegate to oblivion everything, spoken or written in both countries.

London, Nov. 8th.—One of the most sensational drops that has ever occurred on the local Stock Exchange took place this morning when Atlantic sugar broke all its previous records of weakness and fell 13 points below that established last week.

London, Nov. 8th.—With the situation in Ireland going from bad to worse and the Sinn Fein campaign of murder and the black and tan campaign of reprisal alike intolerable to public sentiment in Great Britain, the Govt. seems determined to persevere with the Home Rule Bill which will be before the House of Commons again today. A new movement for the withdrawal of troops and the Royal Irish Constabulary from the interior of Ireland to strategic points on the coast, and turning over

local constabulary activities to local authorities, as suggested by General Sir John Davidson, has received impetus from an editorial utterance by the "Sunday Express" owned by Lord Beverbrook, a close friend of Mr. Bonar Law. The "Express" suggests the following steps toward securing a solution of the Irish problem. 1. The withdrawal of military forces and police from all districts where the whole administration of law and order obvious by has been broken down. 2. That section of the civil population which wishes to retire with them, to be removed and adequately protected by the Imperial Govt. 3. Strategic points on the Irish coastline to be occupied by naval and military authorities, these protected areas to be available for refugees. 4. Ulster territory occupied by the Irish minority to remain a part of Great Britain under its own local Govt. One ray of hope is in a message from the Roman Catholic bishop of Tuam, published in this week's "Universe" making an urgent appeal for a "truce of God". He thinks this might be made effective immediately if the Govt. made first move. Let them propose a trial and pass a full measure of Home Rule for Ireland, including full fiscal control, and forthwith in my opinion serious strife will cease. There are no doubt a large number who will continue to demand a republic as a legal right consequent to acceptance of President Wilson's fourteen points, but in reality home rule working and put into practice will weld together the masses of the Irish conservatives.

New York, Nov. 6th.—The feature of yesterday's sugar markets was the decline of a full half cent per pound in the price of raw sugars to the 6½c. c and f for Cuba's, the lowest point since the Govt. released control of sugar. It is estimated that refiners took upwards of 50,000 bags of Cuba's in prompt positions at 6 c. c and f together with 1,000 tons of Peru's and Brazil contrifis afloat and nearly at 6½c. cif and 36 tons of Barbados contrifis exstore at 7.52c. duty paid, which is now the spot price. To some it may look as if Cuban holders were disposed to make an effort even at further price concessions to unload a much larger portion of their unsold sugars, rather than carry over until next year. At the close of the day it was thought that practically all of their very prompt sugars had been disposed of, but various sugars for November shipment were on offer at last paid price with a lack of buying interest on the part of local refiners. The decline in raw sugars was followed by a downward readjustment in refined sugar values but no change was reported yesterday. Refiners still experience a very slack demand for refined and only for immediate shipment and the declining tendency of the sugar markets has further unsettled the trade.

Paris, Nov. 8th.—France has shown

the same ardour in her work of reconstruction as she did in the war, and has successfully crossed the passage from war to peace, which is always difficult for victors, says Premier Leygues in an interview printed today by Le Petit Parisien discussing his foreign policy. the Premier declared the Govt. will seek to obtain and strengthen its alliances and will examine in utmost sincerity of spirit all questions arising between France and Germany. Belief is expressed by M. Leygues that the League of Nations must become a great force and a strong barrier against a return of imperialism and militarism. He declares that the Govt's programme is to so enforce execution of the Versailles treaty that national construction and the organization of work and production may be advanced.

Washington, Nov. 8th.—A record crop of corn in the United States, exceeding the previous largest crop by 75,000,000 bushels, was announced today by the Dept. of Agriculture in its preliminary estimate placing the production this year at 3,199,126,000 bushels.

"EPIGRAMS AND WITTY SAYINGS."

"The key to success is perseverance" is that every ambitious young man or woman is told to-day. Quite so, but every burglar know this. Give us something new.

Woman and gold are the two principal factors in the lives of men. They make or mar, but more often than not it is the gutter that picks up their victims.

Beware of woman when she laughs for she may be laughing at you. But when she cries you need to be more watchful yet for she may be catching at you.

Woman's tears, like her rouge and lip stick, is only temporary.

Woman can laugh when she should cry, and cry when she should laugh. But there's one thing she cannot restrain herself from doing, and that is jumping at a proposal.

There are three distinct types of men:—The good men, the bad men and the men who are neither good nor bad. But woman cannot be classified. Each woman is atype by itself.

When a young girl marries an old man everybody cries "Shame" at her. But when a young man marries an "old girl" everybody pities him.

"Accidents happen in the best of regulated families". But wouldn't it be far more appropriate to say: "Families happen even in the best of regulated accidents?"