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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

New York, March 12th.—Unsettled after 24 hours of furious whirling up the Atlantic Coast from Florida, a storm officially described as a "great cyclone" blew Northeastward today along the New England coast, buffeting the shore towns and lashing the inland country. The weather forecaster said its strength would last throughout the day. The gale which extended far to sea, was abetted by a dense fall of snow. Wire communication was badly hampered, in some instances temporarily broken, and the cost of the storm in lives and property was beyond estimate today.

Dover, March 12th.—Major John Jacob Astor, who unwittingly lost his seat in the House of Commons last week by voting before taking the oath a breach of Parliamentary rules, was returned to the house unopposed in the election in the Dover Division of Kent today.

Cairo, March 12th.—The negotiations for the peaceful solution of the controversy over the tomb of Tutankamen have collapsed. It is understood the Egyptian Government has withdrawn its offer of a new concession to the Countess of Carnarvon to carry on the work in the tomb begun by her late husband. The breaking off of negotiations was due to a remark made in the court by the lawyer in representing the Carnarvon trustees. The lawyer in referring to the action of the Minister of the Public Works in closing the tomb at Luxor, referred to the Egyptian Ministers as bandits.

Washington, March 12th.—Government's agents late today seized the Royal Mail Steamer "Orduna" in New York

harbour, charging violation of the Customs National Prohibition and Narcotic Laws. Eight persons were arrested, including the chief steward of the ship. The seizure on order of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon was the direct result of a raid made on the vessel last night when \$10,000 in whisky and narcotics were seized it was announced.

Vancouver, March 12th.—At a meeting here yesterday, presided over by the Mayor and at which Victoria was also represented in the reception committee, who are arranging to entertain the British Navy's squadron here next June, decided to send invitations to 1,400 cities and towns in the four Western Provinces asking them to have official representatives here to welcome the fleet. The Vancouver and Victoria Committees will send a joint request to Ottawa for an official representative of the Dominion Government to be on hand. Financial assistance has also to be asked, a grant of \$50,000 being mentioned.

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