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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, March 11th.—Mr. Stephen Walsh, Secretary for War, replying to a question in the House of Commons, said it was the practice of the Government Departments to give preference within reasonable limits to goods and materials produced within the Empire, but the question of formal adherence to the resolutions passed at the Imperial Conference on the matter was not for the War Office to decide. Asked whether he would give a similar undertaking to that given to the Imperial Economic Conference by his predecessor in the War Secretaryship, that in every case the dominions source of supply would be considered in connection with the granting of a contract, Mr. Walsh said he had no official knowledge that Lord Derby had said anything of the kind, nor any other Lords. This was greeted with cheers from the ministerial benches.

Athens, March 12th.—A bomb was exploded this morning at the entrance to the British Legation, causing material damage, but injuring no one. Greek officials expressed belief that the incident was staged in an effort to discredit the Government. The Premier and the Minister of the Interior expressed the regrets of the Government to the British Minister for the outrage. Inquiry was opened under the direction of the British Police Officials and several suspects were detained.

Christiania, March 12th.—Representatives of Sweden, Norway Denmark and Finland, meeting at Stockholm, have formed a convention under which all disputes between these nations would be

referred to an inter-Scandinavian Jury.

Bogota Colombia, March 12th.—The celebrated "Temple of the Sun" of the Chibchas Indians, long known in Colombian legend, has been discovered by a scientific expedition making explorations in the mountains near Sogamoso 100 miles from Bogota, according to messages received here today. According to old Spanish manuscripts the temple was sacked in 1537 after a fierce battle between Conquistadores and the Indians and later expeditions were unable to find it again.

New York, March 12th.—The United States will be without the services of its two tennis aces in 1924 Olympic competition, as a result of Wm. Tilden's withdrawal because of a ruling that United States Olympic competitors cannot write for newspapers or syndicates while abroad. Wm. M. Johnston, ex-champion who ranks next to Tilden in the national lists, previously had decided he would be unable to accept an invitation which it is planned to send to France.

London, March 12th.—The Daily Express gives great prominence today to a statement to the effect that the dispute between the Pope and the Italian Government is about to be settled. The terms of the agreement by which the trouble will be ended, says the newspaper, are first, the government to surrender to the Vatican the whole of Vatican Hill, of which the Vatican now holds only a part. Second, the Government to build at its own cost a palace or a series of houses for the accommodation of Cardinals, the Holy See in return handing over to the Government scattered properties through Rome in which the Cardinals are now housed, and third, the independence of the Pope to be guaranteed by the League of Nations. The statement adds that under the agreement the Pope will remain an independent sovereign and Vatican Hill will have the status of an independent country.

Paris, March 12th.—The treaty under which Great Britain, Italy and Japan allotted Bessarabia to Roumania as a part of the territorial settlement after the war, was ratified by the Chamber of Deputies yesterday by a vote of 478 to 74. The Soviet Government has already announced that it will not recognize at the Vienna Conference the Roumanian claim to Bessarabia, nor will the Russian delegates discuss the Roumanian gold reserve, valued at about \$75,000,000 which was sent to Moscow in 1917 when

the Roumanian armies were being defeated by Germany. For months the Soviet army has been on one side of the Diester River and the Roumanians on the other watching each other intently. The Roumanian Cabinet is described as intently anxious over the Vienna meeting, upon which it is considered peace or war may depend because of the high tone taken by Moscow. Thus Roumania desires to go into the conference with the formal ratification by the Allied Government of their agreements giving Bessarabia to her.

London, March 12th.—"I have not changed my opinion on any great and broad issue in the last twenty years," declared Mr. Winston Churchill, independent candidate in the bye-election in the Abbey Division of Westminster. Mr. Churchill seems eager to disabuse the electors of that constituency of any idea that his political career has been inconsistent. The newspapers owned by Lord Beaverbrook and Lord Rothermere continue to give Mr. Churchill their enthusiastic support.

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