

reasons stated in M. Poincare's recent memorandum.

London, Feb. 21st.—A new revolution had broken out in Portugal, says a Reuter despatch from Madrid. The despatch contains no details. An earlier despatch to Reuter's from Lisbon stated that the new Portuguese Government would not present itself before Parliament until after the Spring carnival.

Dublin, Feb. 21st. There is a possibility that a feared split in the Sinn Fein, over the Anglo-Irish treaty, will be avoided. The Ardfeis, the national Sinn Fein convention, which met the Mansion House for the purpose, of defining the attitude of the Sinn Fein Clubs on the treaty, whether for a Free State or a Republic, adjourned until tomorrow, with instructions for the leaders of the two parties to come together and devise a plan to keep the Sinn Fein organization united. This unexpected outcome was due to the direct initiative of the meeting in general and was not prompted by the leaders of either side. After Eamon De Valera had presented a resolution, pledging adherence to the constitution adopted by the Ardfeis in 1917 looking to "International recognition of Ireland as an independent Republic", and stated his objections to the treaty on republican principles, the debate unlike the discussion in the Dail Eireann did not settle down into an examination of the merits and demerits of the treaty. Arthur Griffith replying to De Valera raised no new points. He merely reasserted that the treaty gave Ireland the opportunity she needed. Griffith, speaking at this evening's session of the Ardfeis, promised that if he received a guarantee from De Valera's minority in the Dail not to obstruct the Provisional Government, he would accept De Valera's proposal to defer the general election until a constitution could be drafted.

Paris Feb 22nd. Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Poincare will meet somewhere in France on Saturday for a conference, the principal subject for discussion to be the agenda for the Genoa conference and the date for that gathering. It is considered probable that the situation in Asia Minor and the German reparation question also will be talked over by the heads of the Governments.

New York, Feb. 23rd.—More than double the production of sugar is reported by some centrals in Eastern provinces of Cuba, compared with the corresponding period last year, according to the Federal Sugar Refining Co. Reports from 16 centrals in Oriente, Gamaguey and Santa Clara, show 754,614 bags against 303,735 last year. Fears at the beginning of the season that some centrals would be forced to close because they could not sell enough, or at satisfactory price, have not been realized. Neither have predictions been fulfilled of adherents of control, that from sugar would cause an immediate slump by cast-

ing the big surplus on the market. This was because original owners of the surplus have only a secondary right in the sugar banks holding a prior interest. Strict economy will help lessen cost, of production and the outlook for improvement is encouraging many on the island. Latest advices from Cuba say there are now 166 sugar centrals grinding and weather is fine.

Liverpool, Feb. 22nd.—Sir Alfred Booth today resigned the chairmanship of the Cunard Line, owing to continued illhealth. The Deputy Chairman will succeed him.

Cork, Feb. 22nd.—The Royal Irish constabulary forces were reported leaving today for Cork. All the stations in the North and Northeast sections of County Cork with the exception of Marlow, have now been evacuated. The only other police station in the county occupied at present are Abandon, Gobs and Paul Bowlite.

New York, Feb. 22nd.—The New York Stock Exchange was closed today, it being a holiday in celebration of Washington's Birthday.

Ottawa, Feb. 22nd.—"Canada must arm at once for the war of commerce. The greatest weapon in this war is knowledge. Knowledge of the best ways of doing everything we do. Great Britain could never afford to let any other country have more, or better ships and guns, neither can we Canadians allow other nations to exploit our raw materials and make the wealth we should be making for Canada, simply because they are armed with knowledge of scientific methods while Canada is not". This appeal was made here today at the luncheon of the Canadian Manufacturers Association, by Colonel F. M. Gaude, representative of the Scientific Research Council.

Chicago, Feb. 22nd.—More than 175 railways, including every big transportation line in the United States except Pennsylvania, railroad has filed, petitions for wage reductions for all classes of employees when the docket was closed at the United States Labour Board today.

Norfolk Va., Feb. 22nd.—Completely wrecked by fire and explosion, the Roma, the world's largest semi-rigid airship and the pride of the United States air service, had yielded up today the last of the dead of the disaster which overtook her yesterday while manoeuvring over Hampton Roads. The recovery of the last body fixed the total of the disaster at thirty-four dead; eight injured and three practically unhurt. The dead included some of the air services most gallant officers and men, the list containing the names of Major John Thorne, commander of the ship at her christening in Washington last December, and Captain Dale Habrey, her commander during yesterday's illfated flight. Air service men from Langley Field, the home station of the craft, be-

gan shortly after dawn today the clearing up of the wreckage of the warped and blistered skeleton and at the same time preparations began for the official enquiry. Officers from Langley Field were at a loss to account for the mishap that caused the ships rudder to twist and thereby rendered the 410 foot craft unmanageable.

London Feb 23rd. The Government has invited the Irish signatories to the Anglo-Irish treaty to come to London for an early conference on the whole situation, it was announced in the House of Commons today by Mr. Winston Churchill.

London Feb 23rd. A group of Welsh and Scottish members of Parliament have decided to draft a devolution bill conferring Home Rule on both Wales and Scotland.

Calcutta, Feb. 22nd.—One hundred and sixty prisoners belonging to the non-cooperation movement, have been released from jail on the signing of certain promises.

London, Feb. 23rd.—Mr. Horatia Bottomly, M. P. who has been the defendant in a number of court actions, which went against him, particularly in connection with his victory bond club, has resigned the chairmanship of the independent parliamentary group.

NEW YORK, February 20th.
Flour, Blended Clears St. Lawrence Brand pr. brl. \$6.00.
Meal Kilndried per 100lbs \$1.60
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Exchange New York and London, sight \$4.39

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Demerara Rum, per gal. nominal.
Trinidad Cocoa, Good Middling Red per cwt. 58s. 60d
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