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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Paris, March 13th.—The Moroccan situation is producing a strong reaction in Spain and it is learned from reliable sources that the abdication of King Alfonso and the overthrow of the Dictatorship, headed by General Primo De Rivera, may develop hourly in Madrid.

Washington, March 15th.—An earthquake, about 5,900 miles from Washington, was recorded early today on the seismograph at Georgetown University. The shock began at 5.44 a. m. eastern standard time, reached maximum intensity at 6.21 and ended at 6.59. They were described as "rather pronounced" by Father Pondorff, the seismologist.

Plymouth, March 15th.—Tribute was paid to the Labour Government by Lady Astor in a speech at a luncheon given by the Mayor. "Look at the present government, the way they have buckled to and played the part of Englishmen first," she said. "I think it is very splendid. We must give the devil his due. In these days of transition and unrest in the world the small party spirit is not big enough. I think the Government has realized it, and we ought to be proud of it."

Paris, March 15th.—Fighting single-handed against the strongest opposition encountered during his present administration, M. Poincare has won for his government the right to make laws governing immediate economies and fiscal measures by single decree, without Parliamentary ratification. The victory came late last night when the Senate, after a lengthy session, bowed to the Premier's will and by a vote of 154

to 141, agreed to the bill of authorization in the form passed by the Chamber of Deputies. It was the nearest M. Poincare has come to defeat since the Premiership in January 1922. Without the supporting votes of his colleagues in the Cabinet, his majority would have been seven.

London, March 16th.—Imperial Defence in its various aspects may give the Government some uncomfortable moments this week. The House tomorrow will have before it a demonstration by the pacifists for a reduction of the army to 150,000.

Cairo, March 16th.—Egypt's first Parliament under the new regime was formally opened on Saturday by King Fuad. The streets were crowded for the brilliant spectacle of the royal procession from the palace to the House of Parliament. Premier Said Zagloul Pasha rode with the King in the royal coach.

Ottawa, March 15th.—Canada's total trade for the eleven months of the fiscal year ending February was \$7,771,351, 283 or 193,188,505 dollars more than in the corresponding months of the previous year. Both imports and exports shared in the increase.

Berlin, March 15th.—"For the coming liberation we must fight as our forefathers fought a century ago, when they were fighting under the first of Napoleon." This was the warlike declaration of Admiral Scheer, German Commander in the battle of Jutland and now candidate for the Presidency, when he urged opposition to France in a speech at Weimar on Friday. He attacked the "Junker spirit" that had pervaded the country since the revolution and declared that France was trying to enslave Germany, as England had enslaved India. The danger could be averted, he said, by the revolution of military service throughout the nation, combating the "war guilt lie" and strict subordination to elected leaders. It will be recalled that Admiral Scheer has been mentioned during the Ludendorff-Hitler trial at Munich as one of the persons who supported the idea of a triumvirate dictatorship in Germany.

Paris, March 16th.—The Senate today ratified the treaty relating to Bessarabia. The Chamber of Deputies already had ratified the compact.

Ottawa, March 16th.—Canada has over 2,100,000 persons, or nearly one fourth of its population at school, according to the annual report on education statistics issued by the Bureau of Statistics.

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