

per declared, and this advance is all the greater because an agreement was scarcely hoped for at this early stage of the negotiations. Since this much has been accomplished is it too much to hope that a greater and more virtual agreement will follow future conferences.

Grenada, Jan. 23rd.—H. M. S. Valerian with Major the Hon. E. F. L. Wood and the Marquis of Salisbury Lady Dorothy Wood and Lady Beatrice Ormsby Gore left for Trinidad at 9.15 a. m.

New York, Jan. 23rd.—The early raw sugar market was firmer, and while no business was confirmed, it was rumoured that a local refiner paid 2½ cents for Cuba's, cost and freight, equal to 3.86 for centrifugal, an advance of 1/16 cent over last previous sales. The firmer ruling of the spot market led to renewed covering and scattered outside buying in raw sugar futures, with prices at midday six to seven points higher. No changes occurred in refined sugar, with fine granulated listed at 5.00. Most of the local refiners withdrew. Business was light on account of the inability of refiners to make deliveries. Refined futures were without transactions.

Calcutta, Jan. 23rd.—The Moplah Chief Kunhamad Haji who tried to establish a Moplah Kingdom in the district of Ernad during the Moplah revolt last year, was shot and killed yesterday at Malapuram, it was learned here today. Six others also were killed.

Copenhagen, Jan. 23rd.—Dr. M. F. Bajer, noted peace advocate died here today. He was a winner with K. P. Arnorlison of the Noble Prize in 1908.

Vienna, Jan. 23rd.—The exchange rate went smash today. The Kronen dropped to 10,000 to the United States dollar, and the value of other standard moneys increased equally with the dollar.

London, Jan. 23rd.—The King today sent a message of sympathy to Cardinal Gasparri, Papal Secretary of State, on the death of Pope Benedict. The message was sent through Count De Salis, British Minister at the Vatican.

Londonderry, Jan. 23rd.—Alderman Hugh O. Doherty, Sinn Fein Mayor of Londonderry, today expressed the opinion that a grave situation would be created if Londonderry was not included in the Free State, with which he said its interests economically were indissolubly bound. The Mayor said he feared for the City's peace if Londonderry were left out.

Washington, Jan. 23rd.—Claims of the Russian Soviet Government against the United States and European Nationals amounting to billions of rubles, reported from Moscow to be in preparation for presentation at the Genoa economic conference, were described as "preposterous" today by high treasury officials. Such claims, it was said, were wholly impractical, and were of the same nature as if this country should enter claims against Russia for her conduct

during the war. Should such claims be made by Soviet Russia, officials believed they would be offset by counter claims on the basis that Russia had not done her share in the war against Germany.

Montreal, Jan. 23rd.—Sir Arthur Currie, principal of McGill University, has today received the following letter from Lord Atholstan, proprietor of the "Montreal Star". Dear Sir, to help in stimulating the work of research throughout the World, I hereby offer the sum of one hundred thousand dollars to the graduate or student of any recognized University, who, within five years after date, is the first to discover a medical treatment for the effective cure of cancer, the decision to be left to the royal college of physicians and surgeons, London, England. This offer may be renewed (signed) Atholstan.

Trinidad, Jan. 24th.—H. M. S. Valerian with the Hon. Major Wood and party arrived at 5 p. m. yesterday. He was received on landing by the Hon. T. A. Van Best, C. M. G., Colonial Secretary, the members of the Executive and Legislative Councils, the Mayor of Port-of-Spain and members of the city council and an immense concourse of people with banners and regalia of their societies. The Working Men's society presented an address of welcome to which Major Wood replied thanking them for their warm welcome and expressing the hope that during his stay in Trinidad he would have the opportunity of hearing full representations and frank discussion on all matters upon which they and others are interested.

Paris, Jan. 23rd.—M. Poincare has sent instructions to Ambassador Saint Anlaire in London, for the continuation with Great Britain concerning the proposed Anglo-French pact. The Premier's instructions are known to be directed toward a lengthening of the duration of the pact, probably a period of 25 years, and to the inclusion of reciprocity in military action, so that France would be obliged to go to the aid of Great Britain thus establishing the basis of equality in the pact which the premier has indicated he desired. Discussion of the Genoa economic conference has not as yet been undertaken by the Foreign Office. The fact that France has been regularly outvoted in the Allied Supreme Council is discussed in many authoritative quarters here as the real reason why M. Poincare has shown a preference for old fashioned diplomatic negotiations concerning all the Allies interested in reparations. There is no question of secrecy, it is pointed out. Italy, as well as Japan, having in the past favoured the British view point on questions pending before the Supreme Council, France being in the minority was either obliged to make concessions, or take the responsibility for preventing a unanimous agreement. Successive concessions to Germany by the council in the past year, in the way

of reductions in payments and moderation of terms, are pointed to as showing what France may expect from conferences of this kind. Premier Poincare is understood to have firmly determined that Germany must reform her finances and stop the leakage of her wealth abroad, before he will consider how much she is able to pay. Consequently, he prefers to avoid conferences, which he thinks would tend more and more toward compromises.

Paris, Jan. 23rd.—The world Irish Congress, in the absence of any concrete questions on its programme, spent the first days session today in academic discussions of education and the spread of Irish culture abroad, Mr. De Valera made a brief appearance on the platform this afternoon, taking occasion to invite rich Irishmen in foreign countries to endow professorships in Universities and create scholarships for children of the Irish race to complete their education in Ireland. The slowness of the congress to crystallize and to work on definite plans was explained by its organizers as due to the fact that the meeting was planned before Ireland became a Free State, so that naturally the programme had to be radically altered. The idea of the leaders is to make use of the existing Irish organization in every country to form a world league through which to work for the spread of Irish culture to indicate Irish descendants everywhere in Irish history and help in Ireland's economic interests. Mr. De Valera declared it was also through Athletics that the Irish people would be able to make their mark in all corners of the world, since most of the great athletic champions bore Irish names. He recommended that an appeal also be made to the highest sentiments by popularizing Irish folk dancing. W. B. Yeats, the Irish Poet, preceded Mr. De Valera with an address on Irish literature. Tomorrow's programme calls for the presentation of concrete suggestions for Irish action abroad.

Rome, Jan. 23rd.—The reception at the Vatican of an Italian Cabinet Minister on Saturday and the half masting of the flag on the Quirinal, in mourning for the Pope, are commented on at length by both press and public. There are many expressions favouring an agreement between the Government and the Vatican and these two events are being pointed to as significant of such a possibility.

NEW YORK, January 25th.

Flour, Blend of Clears St. Lawrence Brand
pr. bbl. \$6.00.

Meal Kilndried per 100lbs \$1.60

New Season's Pork per bbl. \$37.00

Heavy Mess Pork per bbl. \$25.00

Sugar---Crystals maximum per 100 lbs.
\$3.86

Molasses Sugar 89° test, no quotation.
Cotton, Middling Upland, at Liverpool
per lb. 9 87-100d.

Exchange, New York and London, 60
days' sight \$4.18½