

ceptions taken by local shippers to the form of the tender. The points objected to are the calling for tenders for sailing from Halifax or St. John and the calling for only alternate stops at some of the small shipping points. It is felt that St. John should be necessarily a shipping port for the service and also that all the West Indies ports should be called at on each trip, as it is hoped to build up a considerable trade with some of these places. A letter was received from the department this morning stating that the matter of port of departure and itinerary generally would be gone over when the shipping companies had been heard from.

London, April 2nd.—One of the hottest receptions yet given by striking fishermen at Aberdeen to Germans arriving at that port with catches of fish from the North Sea, was that meted out to the crews of four German trawlers today. Three thousand strikers raided the Aberdeen fish market and pelted the crews of the German vessels with lumps of ice. Four German trawlers, which had arrived previously and unloaded cargoes of fish, were set adrift by the strikers but they were berthed later under police protection. The disturbance in the fish market became so great that special police reinforcements were rushed to the scene. The strike of the Aberdeen fishermen began a month ago. It was started as a protest against the landing and sale of German-caught fish. Local dealers, however, have not ceased doing business with the German fishermen.

London, April 2nd.—The Independent Labour party, at today's session of its three day conference, adopted a resolution condemning the Ruhr occupation and demanding the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Germany. During the discussion of the resolution Herr Crispian, of Germany, said the Socialists in his country desired that in any case the British should not withdraw alone. M. Longuett, of France, asserted that but for the split in the French Socialist party M. Poincare would never have decided to embark upon "The abominable Ruhr adventure". He added he had strong hopes that next year's election would not only destroy M. Poincare's majority, but double the Socialist representation in Parliament. The King's recent invitation of the Labourites to Buckingham palace, over which there has been much controversy, also came up for discussion. "It shows we have reached our rightful place in the councils of the nation", declared Dr. Gardner, chairman of the London branch of the party.

London, April 2nd.—The Daily Chronicle, Mr. Lloyd George's mouthpiece, reproaches Mr. Asquith because he declined the invitation to luncheon extended by the Leeds Liberals to him and Mr. Lloyd George. Mr. Lloyd George ac-

cepted the invitation at once, but Mr. Asquith took some time to consider the matter and finally refused to accept the invitation. "All he (Mr. Asquith) asked to do" says the Chronicle, "was to make a libera speech to one of the most important liberal associations in the country, but he declined to do it if Mr. Lloyd George is to speak also, although he was safeguarded, but the very terms of the invitation, from any references embarrassing or otherwise to the problem of their political relationship. Many will be loath to attribute his attitude, in itself so petty, so regardless of the higher welfare of the party to the promptings of Mr. Asquith's dyn disposition. Unfortunately he listens to other promoters who dread seeing their narrowed conventicle reenlarged into a great National party". Tory onlookers, for the most part are inclined to think Mr. Asquith has shown dignity and real wisdom in declining to rush towards reconciliation.

Moscow, April 2nd.—The Russian Government tonight sent a sharp note for transmission to the Polish Government, characterizing Poland's attempted interference with Russian justice as an unfriendly act. So far as could be ascertained tonight Vicar-General Butchkavitch had not been executed up to this afternoon. The note categorically denies that representatives of the Russian Government told the British representatives in Moscow, or any body else, that his trial had only a formal significance and would have no serious consequences. The Russian Government, it is added, declines to enter into a discussion of unpermissible and unfounded accusations advanced against the Russian court and the Russian authorities, and declares that responsibility for the consequences emanating from such an act, unprecedented in international affairs, falls solely on the Polish Government. The note, which is signed by Tchitcherin, was sent to Leonid Obolsnski, the Russian representative at Warsaw, for transmission to the Polish Government.

Washington, April 2nd.—The Secretary of State has informed the French, British, Italian and Greek Governments, in identical notes handed their representatives in Washington, that the American Red Cross will terminate its emergency relief work in Greece on June 30th next. The note declares that the solution of the relief problem in the Near East can hardly lie in measures of temporary relief alone and suggests a cooperative agreement between the nations interested, which would make it possible for the thousands of refugees to be absorbed as promptly as possible into the normal economic life of the country where they find themselves. In the event the British, French and Italian Governments are disposed to concur in a cooperative endeavour, Mr. Hughes said the U. S. Government will welcome an early exchange of views.

Paris, April 3rd.—Consumption of alcoholic liquors in Turkey is strictly forbidden, beginning today, says a Hava's depatch from Constantinople.

Cairo, April 3rd.—The illness of the Earl of Carnarvon took a sudden turn for the worse this afternoon. His condition is characterized as critical.

New York, April 3rd.—The visit of Lord Robert Cecil has caused intense interest. The newspapers of all shades of political opinion editorially discuss his visit and its probable effect on the question of United States entrance into the League of Nations. The Times terms him a practical idealist and after noting that he came, not on a mission, but for a free exchange of views, says: "Under this guise of a modest inquirer, however, people are finding out Lord Robert Cecil carries a formidable debating power". The "World", in an editorial devoted to support of the entrance of the United States into the League, advises its readers to pay close attention to Lord Robert. "No man can discuss the League of Nations more authoritatively", it says. "The League that he is talking about is the League that exists, the League that is slowly finding itself and is helping to establish the crumbling peace of the world. The message that he brings is a message that the American people cannot ignore, for events day by day are shrieking it into their ears". The "World" says the League survived through a most critical period without the support of the United States, because it met a vital need in the affairs of nations. People in the United States, it warns, should face the fact and not allow the foreign policy of the United States to be made "forever the football of partisanship and passion".

Moscow, April 3rd.—Vicar General Butchkavitch, has been executed. The Pravda says the execution occurred on March 31st. The newspaper Izvestia asserts "the sentence of death on Butchkavitch whose reprieve was refused has been carried out". The time and place are not given. The Izvestia prints the announcement on an inside page, under a one line head in its court news department.

Demerara, April 4th.—His Excellency Sir Graemo Thomson, K.C.B., Governor of British Guiana, arrived this morning by s. s. Intaba.

Cairo, April 3rd.—The Earl of Carnarvon is making what is regarded by the attending physicians as a wonderful fight for life. Although he took a sudden change for the worse today and his condition was regarded as critical, he showed some improvement tonight.

New York, April 3rd.—The annual Yacht race to Bermuda will be an international affair this year. The entry was received today of Vice-Commodore Jarves, of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, who will sail his schooner Haswell. Altogether there are 24 entries.