

standing between England and France and Germany, as the only possible means which must be persistently pursued for the financial and economic restoration of Europe.

Paris, Nov. 29th.—An Athens despatch to the Hava's Agency today, says a Greek cruiser has intercepted off the Ionian Island of Cephalonia an Italian steamer bound for Adalia, South Western Asia Minor, with munitions alleged to be intended for the Turkish nationalists army, on board. A search of the steamer revealed, it is stated, nine Italian airplanes, two million cartridges and other war materials.

Manila, Nov. 29th.—The entire town of Ibajay, in the province of Capiz, was inundated by a tidal wave on Sunday and many houses with their occupants swept out to sea, according to despatches from the Postmaster of Ibajay. Despatches to constabulary headquarters here said that the town of Macato in the same province was also submerged by a tidal wave and more than a hundred natives drowned.

London, Nov. 29th.—Preparations are being made here to publish a newspaper with Morning and Evening Edition, devoted to the cause of Ulster, according to the "Daily Mirror" which says £25000 has already been raised for the purpose. The enterprise was started, the "Mirror" says, in view of the fact that "so many London newspapers which formerly advocated Unionist principles have lately let Ulster down very badly."

Ottawa, November 29th.—The congratulations of the Canadian Govt. and people, offered to His Majesty the King by the Governor-General on the occasion of the announcement of the engagement of Princess Mary, have been accepted by Their Majesties with "Heartfelt Gratitude". The telegrams from Lord Byng of Vimy and the reply of His Majesty follows.

Ottawa, November 25th.—"My Government has asked me to convey to your Majesty the deep pleasure and satisfaction with which they and the people of Canada have received the news of the engagement of Her Royal Highness their heartfelt congratulations and good wishes". (Signed Byng).

London, November 26th.—"The Queen and I deeply appreciate the kind message which you have forwarded from yourself, your Government and the people of Canada on the occasion of the engagement of our Dear Daughter, who joins with us in the expression of our Heartfelt Gratitude for these words of congratulations and good wishes." Signed George R. I.

London, Nov. 29th.—The Home Secretary, Mr. Edward Shorte, speaking at Wick-On-Tweed last night on Irish affairs, said, we are in as desperate a position regarding Ireland as was ever known. I perhaps am more sanguine than others in believing that we could

produce a set of arrangements which would settle once and for all the centuries old trouble and make Ireland a contented part of the British Empire".

Washington, Nov. 29th.—China won further concessions in the Conference of nine powers on the questions affecting the Pacific and the Far East. In conformity with the resolutions declaring for the territorial and administrative integrity of China, the Pacific and Far-eastern committee adopted resolutions drafted by the sub-committee headed by Senator Lodge, provided for an international commission of jurists, which is to report within a year whether the Chinese laws and court practices warrant the abandonment of the foreign courts created under treaties granting extraterritorial rights in China immediately these resolutions were adopted, the Chinese delegates pressed another of the "Ten Points", that declaring for withdrawal of all foreign troops from Chinese soil and also for the abandonment of foreign telegraph, radio and police wire system. Dr. Sze, Chinese Minister and a delegate to the conference, presented detailed information regarding the number of troops and the extent of foreign wire systems, in which the Japanese predominate, and there was wide discussion of the questions by all the delegates behind closed doors. General adherence, it was said, was given to the principle of retirement of foreign troops and wire systems from China, in conformity with the principles of the Root resolutions. Qualifications were presented, however, by Japanese spokesmen, who dealt with the necessity of policing roads and telegraph lines. Discussion of the troops questions is to continue tomorrow, with prospects that a resolution will be worked out by the delegates of the nine powers without reference of the details to a sub-committee.

Jodhpur, British India, Nov. 29th.—The Prince of Wales arrived here today for a stay of three days. He was welcomed with enthusiasm, in marked contrast to yesterday's greeting at Ajmere, which although not unfriendly, was cool.

Ottawa Ont., Nov. 29th.—The Canadian Naval squadron comprising the Aurora, Patriot and Patrician will sail from Halifax Dec. 10th for the West Indies. During the winter season they will visit the various ports between Bermuda and Demerara and will join the West India squadron for Naval exercises. The two Canadian submarines are already at Bermuda, having sailed from Halifax about Nov. 24th, under escort of H. M. S. Wistaria the whole fleet will return to Halifax about the end of April.

Boston Mass., Nov. 29th.—Word from the Weather Bureau that a storm which has held central New England in an icy grip for four days, was about over, brought hope tonight to many cities and

towns that they would be able soon to have light, power and normal telephone and telegraph services which have been interrupted for two days. All of the places affected, forty of them in the vicinity of this city, were again in darkness tonight, however, and with tram schedules reduced or suspended.

London, Nov. 29th.—A cable from the Reuter correspondent at Melbourne, says that Mr. Hughes has announced in the Australian House of Representatives that the Govt. has decided to contribute \$250,000 worth of meat and wheat to relieve the starving of central Europe.

London, Nov. 29th.—Government circles today expressed the belief that the Irish conference would break down almost immediately as a result of the difficulties which have arisen and that the resumption of armed hostilities could not be postponed. The alternative settlement plan submitted by the Govt. to the Sinn Fein representatives last evening, included the necessity for a definite undertaking by the Sinn Fein to take the oath of allegiance to the Crown. The Sinn Fein has many objections to the Govt.'s new plan, but even if agreed to discuss this new plan, it will not now give assent to the oaths of allegiance proposed, it is stated.

London, Nov. 30th.—The Powers are considering intervention in Portugal and the assumption of a mandate there to quell the "ugly wave of Bolshevism," which is sweeping the country, the "Times" declares this morning. France Italy and Spain, it says, favour such a move.

Washington, Nov. 30th.—A communique was issued at the close of today's session of the Far East Committee, and it was stated by the Chairman to the meeting that Mr. Hughes and Mr. Balfour had offered their good offices to the representatives of China and Japan in the suggestion that there should be conversations between these representatives for the settlement of the questions relating to Shantung and the leased territory of Kia-Chou, that these good offices were accepted by the representatives of both Governments, and that the conversations were to proceed accordingly, the first meeting for that purpose to be held on Thursday afternoon. In order to provide opportunity for the special committee to continue their work, the meeting of the full committee was adjourned until Friday, December 2nd at 11 a. m.

London, Nov. 30th.—Lord Mount Stephen is dead. He passed away peacefully last night at Bocket Hall, Hatfield, Hertfordshire. He was 92 years of age.

Lahore, India, Nov. 30th.—About one dozen persons, including Sardar Ab-singha, former Deputy and President of the Punjab Legislative Council, have been arrested under the seditious meetings act.