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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, March 4th.—A saving of 47,000,000 pounds is shown in the estimates for the Civil Service and revenue departments 1924, 1925, now available, the figures being 289,874,727 pounds, as against 327,218,872 pounds the previous year. The principal reductions are 7,500,000 pounds for the Colonial Services, 6,750,000 pounds for the Ministry of Pensions, nearly 3,000,000 for the Middle Eastern Services and 2,000,000 pounds for the Ministry of Labour.

London, March 4th.—The House of Lords today registered its disapproval of the pacific utterances of Mr. William Leach, Under-Secretary for Air, in outlining the Government's air policy on February 20th, in the House of Commons. The Lords adopted, without division, a motion presented by the Marquis of Londonderry, "that the House while earnestly desiring further limitation of armaments, so far as is consistent with the safety and integrity of the Empire, affirms the principle laid down by the late government and accepted by the Imperial Conference, that Great Britain must maintain a home defence air force of sufficient strength to give adequate protection against air attacks by the strongest air force within striking distance of her shores." The Under-Secretary Mr. Leach in his remarks in the House of Commons, announced that the Government had decided to maintain the late Government's policies and not increase the air force for the present. He added that the Government would not be de-

terred from taking advantage of any movement in the direction of disarmament and would welcome a new Washington Conference.

London, March 5th.—Whirlpools of report and comment indicate the force of the struggle within the Admiralty, between Naval Lords and the Labour Government, over the Singapore naval base proposal. The Sea Lords do not play politics. They work for the Navy and still in the public mind the Navy, is England, and when the Sea Lords stand together for a definite policy, which they consider essential, they have almost invariably had their way. When Labour first took office the Sea Lords made it clear that they would not work under certain politicians and they had their way. Now, headed by Admiral Beatty, they threaten resignation if the Government abandon the Singapore scheme. The Daily Herald, which is the official organ of the Labour Party, issues a blunt warning today to Admiral Beatty that he must put an end to Admiralty propaganda contrary to government policy and makes the direct statement that Admiral Beatty and the rest of the Naval Lords are threatening to resign if their policy is turned down. The House is preparing for a debate on the question next week during the naval estimates. If the Government is determined to give up the Singapore idea definitely, they can probably carry their point in the House, with Liberal support, but their strategists fear the effect upon public opinion of an Admiralty revolt headed by so popular a figure as Admiral Beatty. The probable outcome is that the proposed construction will be shelved for the present, on financial grounds and the question of general policy in the matter will be left in abeyance.

San Salvador, March 5th. The Honduran rebels, according to reports received here now control all the ports on the Atlantic Coast of the Republic. The rebels are said to have repulsed an attack by Government forces on Zambrano. The Federal troops are reported to have suffered heavy casualties. The Governments of Salvador, Guatemala and Nicaragua are continuing their conversation with the purpose of taking concerted action for the reestablishment of peace in Honduras.

London, March 5th.—A treaty of friendship between Germany and Turkey was signed yesterday, says an agency despatch from Constantinople.

PROFESSIONAL!

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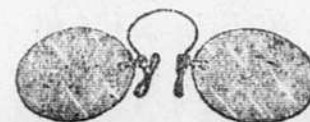
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