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TELEGRAMS

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, Dec. 17th.—Rumors that it is intended to dissolve Parliament in February are absolutely denied by Government whips, and party agents assert that no preparations have been made for a general election. It is stated in political quarters that the rumours have been traced to labourers who are said to be working for an election, recognizing the possibility that they may be able to force a crisis. The alleged determination of labour to force a general strike early in the new year, unless nationalization of mines is conceded, has recently become a perpetually recurring report, and it is apparent where the belief prevails that a strike will be called, that a prediction of a February election is strongest. Official coalition circles, however, scout the idea of an appeal to the country unless entirely unforeseen events make it necessary.

London, Dec. 19th.—Rumours are rife in inspired quarters that the Premier's outline of his Home Rule interventions on Monday will reveal a scheme much less objectionable to opponents, than are the terms of the Cabinet Bill which has been shelved.

London, Dec. 19th.—The Nationalists Party in the House of Commons has given notice of a motion on the Irish question, reading as follows: The House, in view of the fact that the Sinn Féin organization has made it abundantly clear that it will not accept any form of Home Rule retaining the Sovereign Powers of the Government at Westminster, declines to proceed with legislation, which cannot be acceptable to any considerable section of opinion in Ireland, and calls upon the Government to enforce law and order in that country.

The Brass Bullet.

Berne, Dec. 19th.—Reports of a fresh wave of progress in the districts of the Ukraine occupied by General Denekine's forces, are printed by the newspaper "Gazetta Wisawka", according to Lemburg advices today. The newspaper declared that about 500 Jews were killed in Ekaterinoslau alone.

London, Dec. 18th.—Earl Curzon, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Lords yesterday, explained how England and France were jointly caring for Christian refugees in Armenia and other districts and added: "It is a splendid thing that we have found our charitable efforts backed, not only by the larger part of our people but by Americans in this emergency."

London, Dec. 19th.—Speaking on the Appropriation Bill in the House of Commons yesterday, Sir Donald McLean, the Liberal Leader, demanded that the people be taken into the Government's confidence, regarding its foreign policy. He requested information especially relative to the arrangements for the defence of France and also regarding the position of the Allied and Associated Powers concerning the American situation. Further, he demanded to know whether Russia was to be left absolutely alone.

Washington, Dec. 19th.—Sugar legislation received another set-back in the Senate yesterday when advocates of the Bill, to extend federal sugar control and licensing during 1920, were unable, because of protracted opposition debate, to bring to a vote the House amendments broadening powers, proposed for the Sugar Equalization Board.

Stockholm, Dec. 19th.—Bolsheviki claims that thirty thousand Japanese troops are stationed between Vladivostok and Omsk to guard the Trans-Siberian railway, are reported in despatches received here today from Helsingfors.

Ottawa, Dec. 19th. Sir Robert Borden announced last night that he will withdraw almost immediately from active participation in public affairs, remaining however, the titular head of the Government at the earnest request of his colleagues until it can be seen whether or not a prolonged rest of indefinite duration will make him well enough to resume his duties later on. The statement which he issued states that his own feeling is that he should resign but he could

not discharged the views urged on him unanimously by his minister.

Helsingfors, Dec. 19th.—General Denekine has gained an important victory between Tharitsan and Kameshin in the Volga Valley, according to newspaper despatches received here. It is said he has taken 10,200 prisoners, besides capturing five cannon and twenty-five machine-guns.

Helsingfors, Dec. 19th.—Discovery of an Anti-Bolshevik plot is reported at Petrograd; nine hundred persons, including several British and French citizens, have been arrested. Three hundred and fifty have been executed, following trial by a Revolutionary Tribunal.

Berne, Dec. 19th.—Advices received by the Ukrainian Mission here concerning the progress of the forces of General Petlura against the Army of General Denekine, Anti-Bolshevik Leader, in South Russia, lead to the belief among the members of the Mission that General Denekine's situation is almost hopeless. The report says that after General Denekine's breakdown, Trotzky, the Bolshevik Minister of War, intends to spring an offensive against Poland, and that for this purpose he reckons on aid from German volunteer detachments and a new Chinese army which is being recruited in Eastern Siberia.

Coblentz, Dec. 19th.—Two shipment of machine-guns and machine-gun accessories being sent to Mexico from Germany, and discovered in transit via Holland, have been held up by the Allied Military Authorities, according to information reaching the American offices here. The exportation of war material by Germany is a violation of the Armistice Peace Treaty. The German Government has been asked to explain the shipments, and notified not to attempt any similar exportation of such arms. In calling the attention of the Commission to the violation of the armistice terms, Marshal Foch says the Bills of Lading show indicates that these shipments are not "across occupied regions". As far as it is known here, no reply has yet been received from Berlin to the Note asking for an explanation.

Ottawa, Dec. 21st.—The release of all Canadians imprisoned for offences under the Military Act, and the suspension of

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