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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, Dec. 17th.—The reports of the Labour Commission's inquiry into conditions in Ireland made public yesterday declared that eye witnesses to the burning of Cork "are unanimous in stating that the fires were caused by crown forces". The results of the inquiry were officially presented yesterday at a joint meeting of the National Executive and the Parliamentary Labour Party and it was decided that a committee should wait on the Premier to urge further efforts for a truce in Ireland. The report says, "A number of witnesses interviewed are prepared, if given adequate guarantees for their future safety, to substantiate on oath" this statement of fact as presented. The destruction is declared to have been systematic, incendiaries having sought out the most valuable premises in the town and put into execution a preconceived plan. It is further charged the fires were started only after the crown forces had forced the people in doors. The Commission says, "shortly before 9 o'clock auxiliary police and black and tans appeared in a large number of streets in the city, and at the revolver point before actual firing took place drove the people into their homes earlier than the curfew regulations required. "This was remarked by the citizens as ominous and increased the nervousness which was caused by the ambush at Dillon's Cross. The streets were entirely deserted, and the work of destruction was begun". An eye witness is quoted as testifying, "Black and Tans or auxiliary police or both were the incendiaries", Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Bonar Law and

Sir Hamer Greenwood received at the House of Commons last night the labour commission, headed by Mr. Arthur Henderson, who presented the official report and conveyed the widespread desire for peace in Ireland. So far as it is known no definite proposals were made known. The Premier again stated the Government's attitude and expressed sympathy with the efforts being made to assist the restoration of peace in Ireland.

New York, Dec. 19th.—The reaction that started late on Friday afternoon in the Foreign Exchange market became more pronounced yesterday. Canadian exchange breaking to a new low level of 84½. It was again insisted by some that this position is artificial, but others express the view that it is the natural outcome of the western states supplying the demand for grain and checking the movement from Canada.

Dublin, Dec. 17th.—The entire business section of Dublin was raided by the police this evening, following the shooting of District Inspector O'Sullivan of Dublin Castle. The inspector was passing a fancy fair in Henry Street accompanied by a Miss Moore, to whom he was engaged to be married. Inspector O'Sullivan died in a hospital an hour after the shooting. He was fired upon by two masked civilians. It is reported that negotiations for a truce between the military authorities and the Irish Republican Army actually began last week, but were interrupted by the Cork fires. Intermediaries now are trying to effect a resumption of them. Two monasteries were raided by the military and the police in Dublin this morning. They arrested two priests, one of the Father Dominic, who was chaplain to the late Mr. MacSweeney. The other priest was released later but Fr. Dominic was held. In order to prevent a surprise attack at points considered vulnerable, Dublin Castle was being strongly fortified today. On the northwest corner of the castle the street was closed and barbed wire barricades were placed. The Dublin Castle Weekly summary of events, filed and issued today contains leading articles on the "truce talk", which it terms "just simple plain propaganda".

London, Dec. 27th.—Raw sugar was quiet early today. Prices were unchanged at 4.63 for centrifugals. There was a little better enquiry noted for refined sugar. Three refiners reduced their prices for fine granulated to 8.25, while another quoted 7.90 a new low record for the

year. Futures were quiet and steadier. At noon values were eight points higher on coverings.

London, Dec. 17th.—The possibility of a conflict between the House of Lords and the House of Commons over the Irish Home Rule Bill has been averted. The amendments made by the lower House to the measure were amicably discussed in the Upper Chamber today and all were disposed of in a manner that will permit the measure becoming law tomorrow.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 19th.—Earthquake shocks, which on Friday afternoon destroyed several towns along the Argentine slope of the Andes Mountains, where the most severe experienced in the country since 1869 when half of the city of Mendoza was laid in ruins. Reports from the area where the shocks were severest indicate great loss of life and property.

Tokio, Dec. 19th.—The most violent earthquake that has occurred since seismographic observations commenced in Japan, took place on Thursday evening at 9.11 o'clock. The vibrations lasted two hours and were so severe that the instruments were unable to give perfect records. It is believed the convulsions took place under the Pacific Ocean or in the Gobi Desert, Central Asia.

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