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ed by order in council, under the war measures act, will be removed. These include those on race track betting and the importation, manufacture and inter-provincial trade in alcoholic liquors. Abrogation of federal order in council does not of course affect restrictions on sale imposed by the various provincial legislatures. There is also a federal status, which prohibits importation, for sale, of liquor into a province where sale in such provinces is prohibited but there will be apparently no restriction on importations for personal use. The Act of last session however, provides that on the request of any provincial legislature the dominion government can hold a provincial referendum on the question whether or not importations are to be prohibited so far as that particular province is concerned. If the referendum goes in the affirmative the dominion government will then issue a proclamation forbidding importation into that province. In regard to race track betting conditions as they existed in 1917 are restored, but legislation on the matter will be submitted at the next session of parliament.

Montreal, Dec. 21st.—Liquor merchants in Montreal are being flooded with orders in connection with the repeal of the Order in Council. So great is the demand that only about 10% of the orders in hand can be filled so that a man ordering fifty cases of liquor will only get five.

Paris, December 20th.—The Peace Conference today was handed three German Notes. The first deals with transportation of troops immediately after the war peace treaty goes into effect, the second gives exact details about German light cruisers undergoing repairs, but not being built, and the third announces a ratification by the National Assembly of the protocol signed by Kurl Von Lersner in September, which annuls article sixty-one of the German constitution. This article provided for Austrian representation in the German parliament.

Dublin, Dec. 21st.—A letter from Archbishop Walsh, condemning the attempt of the life of Viscount French, the Viceroy, was read in all the Catholic churches in Dublin diocese today. In his letter the Archbishop says "The attempt at assassination of the Viceroy which startled and shocked the city yesterday, calls for the melancholy protest of every Irishman, who loves his country and who hopes to see the present rule of coercive government in Ireland brought to a final end". Cardinal Logue, Archbishop of Armagh and Premier of all Ireland telegraphed to Viscount French hearty congratulations on his "Miraculous escape from a dastardly attempt". In a message denouncing the crime, Cardinal Logue says: "We have been treated like

children our nurses dangling toys and taxing their ingenuity to keep us quiet by devising some shallow distraction. But our people should be patient and knowing that any such natural and violent state of things cannot last. There should be no reprisals. In that way lies ruin. Holy Ireland, the land of St. Patrick, shall never be regenerated by deeds of blood or raised up by the hand of the midnight assassin".

New York, Dec. 22nd.—A wireless "SOS" message was received here tonight from the British steamer "Princess May", saying she needed immediate assistance. She gave her position as Lat. 38/15 north and Long. 7/50 West. The "Princess May" was 100 miles east of Delaware on a return trip from the West Indies when she sent out the "SOS." The American steamer "Linape", two days out from Jacksonville for New York, picked up the distress signal and notified the ship's officers that she was 60 miles from the "Princess May".

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 22nd.—The Radio Station at Hampton Roads Naval Base received a wireless "SOS" tonight at 7 o'clock from the Princess May, saying, "Wanting tow out of commission, want tow at once." At 7.30 p. m. the second message was picked up saying: "Am in sinking condition, engineroom flooded." The Radio also said that the wireless had been temporarily put out of order by the flooded engineroom, but they were sending with a coil. Later on in the evening the station intercepted a message between the "Linape" and the "Princess May" in which the former said, "Am 70 miles from you, can get to you by one o'clock." Still later a final message was received from the "Princess May" saying, "No danger now," without any further explanation as to her condition.

Paris, Dec. 23rd.—The heads of the Allied Delegation met last night and decided upon the text of the reply of the Allies to the last German Note concerning clauses in the Armistice, which have not been carried out and the compensation demanded for the sinking of the German fleet in Scapa Flow. The Note is firm in tone and makes known to Germany, precisely, what the Allies will require of her. It will be presented today.

Paris, Dec. 22nd.—Japanese Government officials are most anxious about the situation at Irkutsk, Siberia, according to information reaching peace conference circles. They would like to send troops, it is said, but do not desire to do so without having reached an understanding with the various Allied Governments. It is understood that the United States Cabinet is not particularly favourable to this suggestion and it is further pointed out that the Japanese might find themselves confronted with various difficulties arising from congestion on the single tract line of the Trans-Siberian Railway.

Paris, Dec. 22nd.—Gabriel D'Annunzio is reported to have abandoned the

command at Fiume, according to a despatch received from Rome. The despatch adds that the poet soldier is on the high seas.

Rome, Dec. 21st.—The Chamber of Deputies, including the Socialist members, strongly approved a statement by Premier Nitti in the House today, that he would present a Bill modifying Article 4 of the Constitution, so that hereafter only Parliament will have the power to declare war. The deputies also showed marked approval of the Premier when he read a telegram he sent to Admiral Mill who had supported D'Annunzio at Fiume, strongly condemning his attitude and declaring that the military power must always be subservient.

Brussels, Dec. 22nd.—The National Belge today prints a rumour that a secret Treaty has been signed by Great Britain and Holland by which the integrity of Dutch territory is guaranteed.

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