

Mr. Lloyd George on the Wiesbaden agreement and on the general subject of reparations in kind from Germany.

Allaha ad, British India, Dec. 9th. — The trial of a number of prominent Nationalist leaders today, who were arrested on Wednesday in connection with their attempt to form a congress of the provincial volunteer corps which the Government had declared illegal, resulted in a sentence of six months imprisonment being imposed upon Pundit Notilal Nehru the alleged ringleader. He was also fined 500 rupees. The Chairman of the Municipal Board was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment with a fine of 250 rupees and six months imprisonment, with a fine of 100 rupees was imposed upon several others.

Dublin, Dec. 9th. — The ratification of the treaty between Ireland and Great Britain will be moved at the Dail Eireann meeting next Wednesday by Mr. Arthur Griffith, as chairman of the plenipotentiaries, it was announced today by Mr. De Valera in a statement, issued by the Dail Eireann publicity department. It would be moved as a cabinet decision, added the statement, because the views of the delegates differed from those of certain members of the cabinet.

Dublin Dec. 9th — Mr. Arthur Griffith, head of the Irish delegation which negotiated the settlement at London, issued the following statement last night. I have signed the treaty between Ireland and Great Britain. I believe this treaty will lay the foundations of peace and friendship between the two nations. What I have signed, I shall stand by, in the belief that the end of the conflict of centuries is at hand.

Kingston, Ont. Dec. 9th. — Yesterday the Rev. Dr. Casey, editor of the Canadian Freeman and one of the leading figures in the Sinn Fein organization in Canada, expressed himself as entirely satisfied with the Irish settlement. Asked if he thought Ireland's new found liberty would ever prove a menace to Britain or the Empire, he replied. "On the contrary, I believe that December 6th will live in the Empire's history alongside armistice day '1918'".

London, Dec. 9th. — The Cunard company announces that it will build six new oilburning steamships of an aggregate tonnage of 100,000 and extend the service which lapsed during the war. There also will be a resumption of direct service for all types of travellers between England and Canada. The announcement says that by the Spring there will be weekly services between Liverpool, and New York and Southampton and New York.

London, Dec. 9th — Sir Arthur Pearson is dead, as the result of an accident at his home here. While in his bath he slipped, striking his head against a faucet. Stunned, he fell into the water and was drowned before aid could reach him. He founded Pearson's Weekly and other

well known publications, among which probably the best known is the Daily Express of London. Another of his properties was the London Standard, which he consolidated with the St. James Gazette, but he disposed of this property following his affliction, (blindness). At the time of his death Sir Arthur was President of the National Institute for the blind, and during the European war he organized measures for the benefit of blinded soldiers and sailors. Early in 1919 he visited America in connection with this work. He was also the founder of St. Dunstons hotel for blind soldiers in London.

Christiania, Dec. 10th. — The Nobel peace prize for 1921, it was officially announced today, has been divided equally between H. J. Almar Branting, Premier of Sweden and Christian Langeol, Norway, Secretary of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

London, Dec. 10th. — Despatches to the Morning newspapers generally confirm the view previously published that the split in the Dail Eireann cabinet is not likely to prevent the passage of the peace treaty by the Southern Irish Parliament, although views differ whether the majority in its favour will be large or small. Hardly any new light is thrown on the situation by these reports the correspondents speculations to the future indicating that the leaders are maintaining secrecy and nothing important is leaking out. If the Dail Eireann ratifies the agreement Mr. De Valera, "the new die hard" as one Belfast newspaper dubs him, will, according to some versions, resign as head of the Dail Gov. and Mr. Arthur Griffith will succeed him. Should this occur it is said Mr. Austen Slack, Minister of home affairs and Chas. Burgess Minister of defence, will it is thought follow his example as they have supported his stand against the treaty. In this case Mr. De Valera and the ministers re-election on the Republican ticket and if the Parliament of the new Irish free state follows the precedent of the Republicans in the Italian Parliament regarding the oath of allegiance, they will absent themselves while it is being taken. Another suggestion is that they will stand for re-election, but will form a separate group of non-cooperationists, aimed at boycotting the Parliamentary elections. The "Times Dublin correspondent describes the crisis created by Mr. De Valera as avowed antagonists to the treaty and one which unless the highest statesmanship is exercised, will create a schism and introduce a bitter element into Irish life." Sir James Craig conferred at length with Mr. Lloyd George yesterday and their conversation is expected to be resumed today. It is believed the conferences do not concern the question of concessions to Ulster, but are rather for the purpose of elucidating the terms of the treaty.

London, Dec. 10th. — Xmas will be ob-

served by the English papers, which will not publish on December 26th. The Sunday papers, however, will appear as usual on Xmas Day. Last Xmas there was a complete suspension of the daily newspapers for three days, but this produced something approaching national confusion and this year only the one day will be observed as the Xmas holiday.

Bombay, Dec. 10th. — The fact that Ireland has not been free has been the reason for the subjection of many Nationalists and a free Ireland now will mean assurance of the freedom of these Nationalists, says the Chronicle in its comments on the Irish treaty. "There will be rejoicing throughout the Empire", the newspaper concludes, India alone will be unable to share in the rejoicing.

London, Dec. 10th. — A cable from Reuters correspondent at Delhi says it is officially stated that nearly nine thousand Moplahs have surrendered to the authorities in India in the past four nights, while the remainder of the rebels are on the run. The military hope to conclude the operations against them by the new year.

Halifax, N. S. Dec. 10th. — H. M. C. S. Aurora, Patricia and Patriot of the Canadian navy, sailed at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning for Bermuda. They will return here some time in April.

NEW YORK, December 12th.

Flour, Blend 3 Clears St. Lawrence 1 rand pr. brl. \$6.75.
Meal Kilnd 1st per 100lbs \$1.95
New Season's Pork per brl. \$37.00
Heavy Mess Pork per bbl. \$25.00
Sugar—Crystals maximum per 100 lbs. \$3 60

Molasses Sugar 89° test, no quotation.
Cotton, Middling Upland, at Liverpool per lb. 11 18-100d.

Exchange, New York and London, 60 days' sight \$4.18

Exchange New York and London, sight \$4.21½

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Sugar, Demerara Crystals, per cwt. 38s. 0d. — 40s. 0d.

ANNUAL RED CROSS MEETING

AT three o'clock Friday afternoon, December 16th, the annual meeting of the Santa Cruz Chapter of the American Red Cross will be held at the Fredericksted High School. At this meeting officers and executive committee will be elected for the following year. Director of Police Mr. Frank Coulter, who represented the Red Cross Chapter of the Virgin Islands at the recent convention of chapters at Columbus, Ohio, will give an account of the meetings, which are reported to have been the most inspirational of any of the kind ever held in the States. It is hoped that every member of the Red Cross, who possibly can, will be present.