

London, March 3rd.—The King is confined to Buckingham Palace suffering from a cold. On the advice of his physician he has cancelled various important engagements he had made for the present week.

Paris, March 3rd.—A final agreement has been arrived at by the Reparations Committee and Dr. Schacht concerning the form of the new gold bank which the President of the Reichbank proposes to set up. The expert committee will recommend that the bank of issue be located in a neutral country, probably Holland the Hague being favoured as the seat.

Ottawa, March 3rd.—A copy of the treaty between Great Britain and the United States in regard to the search of vessels suspected of carrying on contraband trade in liquor, was laid on the table of the House of Commons this afternoon by the Premier. By this treaty the long standing principle of the three mile limit for national jurisdiction is maintained generally, but it is modified in regard to ships engaged in the contraband liquor trade, so as to allow seizure within a distance that can be covered by a vessel in one hour. This is the treaty that is some times referred to as fixing a twelve mile limit for the seizure of vessels suspected of being engaged in this trade, but that limit is not specifically mentioned in its terms, the purpose being secured by the hours sailing period mentioned above.

London, March 3rd.—Cardinal Bourne, Archbishop of Westminster, in a pastoral to the Roman Catholic of his archbishopric, reminds the people that there is a wide gap to be bridged before the union of the Christian Church can be effected. He says the Catholic clergy are willing to make unlimited sacrifices in order to achieve the great aim of restoring England to christian unity. He however declares that papal infallibility is the fundamental doctrine of the Catholic Church and all discussions on union are useless and a mere waste of time until that doctrine is accepted by the other churches.

London, March 3rd.—Wales defeated England in their International Soccer match today two goals to one. The game was played at Blackburn.

Washington, March 3rd.—Widespread confusion in Honduras due to revolutions in behalf of at least three leaders who aspire to the presidency was indicated today in advice received by the State Department from the United States Consul at Ceiba. The U. S. cruiser at "Denver" after being at Ceiba for several days, has now been sent to Tela which on Saturday was reported to be occupied by revolutionists. The situation at Ceiba, according to advices dated March 2nd, was temporarily tranquil, while a new Governor has been appointed and was said to be doing his best to preserve order. Nevertheless the military,

marines and sailors, who were landed last week at Ceiba to guard the U. S. Consulate and protect lives and property remain at that city.

Paris, March 4th.—The new poison gas developed in Germany embodies carbon-monoxide in the opinion of the French chemist, Dr. Rehm, writing in the *Matin*. The German chemists, he says, probably have succeeded in getting solutions of metallic carbonyls, the microscopic particles of which are capable of penetrating the fillers of gas masks and then giving off carbon-monoxide. This gas is not only colourless and odorless, but is one of the deadliest known to science.

Washington, March 4th.—A sweeping investigation of the United States Shipping Board was authorized today by the House of Representatives. Four Republicans and three Democrats, to be designated by the Speaker Gillet will serve on the committee.

London, March 4th.—Declarations of the Premier in the House of Commons have made it appear that the idea of an ultimate disarmament conference was an important factor in his letter to M. Poincare. In a speech yesterday Mr. McDonald stated that the Labour Government intended to pursue policies, which he hoped would lead to the general limitation of armaments, both in aerial and land forces. The Premier declared that the present moment was not suitable for an independent step in this direction on the part of Great Britain, due to the fact that the League of Nations was at present considering the whole question, but said his Government was interestedly watching all developments. "These things are not done by throwing schemes at the heads of other Governments, but by careful preparation making possible such proposals", the Premier declared in commenting on disarmament plans.

San Jose, C. R., March 4th.—A series of earthquakes, the strongest felt here in 25 years, beginning at 4 o'clock this morning, damaged fully half the buildings of San Jose and caused a number of casualties. Communication with neighbouring cities is entirely cut off.

San Juan, Porto Rico, March 5th.—Mr. Cyrus Zimmerman with an all-steel flying boat left Laracoa, Cuba, yesterday morning. He carried four passengers besides himself and a mechanic.

Capetown, S. A. March 4th.—Reuters, The Legislative Assembly yesterday passed the third reading of the industrial conciliation bill, which aims at establishing machinery whereby employers and employees may gather around a table and settle any dispute which comes up in any industry. The industrial conciliation bill carries out recommendations made by a royal commission which was appointed after the disturbances which arose in connection with the strike of miners in the Rand in 1922.

London, March 4th.—The acuteness of

the present epidemic of influenza in this country is attributed largely to the severe and highly variable weather conditions, including rain and snow. The epidemic has reached a stage where it is overwhelming the doctors in attendance on the patients. Although the present influenza, is of a comparatively mild character and not at all comparable to the deadly influenza epidemic experienced here a few years ago, one London doctor says that the number of persons affected is rapidly approaching the figures of the 1918 scourge, so far as his own general practice is concerned. Their majesties have cancelled engagements because they both are suffering from influenza, but the King was a good deal better today and was able to receive visitors at Buckingham Palace. He was out in the palace garden this morning taking a walk in the sunshine.

Constantinople, March 4th.—Abdul Musjid Effendi, the Caliph, head of the Mussulman See, expelled from Turkey by order of the Turkish National Assembly at Angora, left Constantinople today for exile in Switzerland.

Quebec, March 4th.—Extending over an area of about fifty miles between the Laurentide Chains and the St. Lawrence River a severe earthquake shock was felt here at two fifteen o'clock yesterday afternoon in Les Eboulements and at Tadousac east of the Saguenay. There was no damage reported, but the tremor lasted for one minute and a half, with more or less intensity. The region has been accustomed to frequent shocks, but according to old residents they have been more numerous in recent months, especially since the Japanese catastrophe. Yesterday's was an unusual one in regard to violence and length of time.

NEW YORK, March 5th.
Flour, (hard winter clears \$4.90.
" hard winter straights \$5.40
Meal, Kiindried per 100 pounds \$2.40
New Season's Pork per barrel \$37.00.
Heavy Mess Pork per brl. \$24.50
Sugar—Crystals maximum per 100 lbs. \$7.18

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otton, Middling, Upland, at Liverpool per lb. 16 36-100d.
Exchange, New York and London, 60 days' sight \$4.27½
Exchange New York and London, sight \$4.29½

LONDON, March 5th.
Sugar, Demerara Crystals, nominal per cwt 62s. 0d.—65s. 0d.
" Muscavado nominal per cwt. 52s. 56s 0d
" White Java's cif United Kingdom 33s. 3d
Demerara Rum per gal. nominal.
Trinidad Cocoa, good middling red per cwt. 57s. 0d.—58s. 0d.
Cotton, good medium West Indian Sea Island at Liverpool, per lb. 24d. nominal.
Bank of England Rate of Discount per