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TELEGRAMS

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, Dec. 16th. - The Home Rule Scheme which the Premier will outline in the House of Commons on Monday, will be presented to the Irish people as an optional plan, the "Daily Graphic" says. According to this paper, the Government will say in effect "this is the best proposal we can devise, and we trust you will accept it. But if not, the Government will not force it upon you". In the House of Commons yesterday, replying to a question of Mr. Wedgwood Benn (Liberal), as to whether the Government intended to continue military repression of Ireland until next year the Premier, amid cheers, said it was the intention of the Government to maintain law and order. A motion by Mr. T. P. O'Connor, Irish Nationalist, to adjourn the House in order to discuss the wholesale arrests in Ireland, deportation of prisoners without trial, including Sinn Fein members of the House of Commons, and the increased disorders created thereby, failed, owing to lack of support.

Paris, Dec. 16th. - The French and British commands have discussed plans for a peace-time organization, according to "Le Matin". The newspaper sees the maintenance of Marshal Petain, as French Generalissimo, at the disposition of the Inter-Allied Council, over which General Foch will probably preside. The discussions had nothing to do with the question of a military alliance with Belgium and Italy, the paper says.

Chicago, Dec. 16th. - Production of bituminous coal today rapidly approached normal. Throughout the country reports indicated from 90 to 95 per cent of

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8.30 THIS EVENING 8.30

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1 REEL.

"The Lion's Claw."

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the miners are at work or ready to enter the mines as soon as they are put in shape for operation. Of the large producing fields, Indiana appeared to be closest to normal, in the matter of coal mined, although reports from Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, showed that production was rapidly on the increase.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 15th. - The bubonic plague is reported to have attained grave proportions at Las Rosas, Santa Fe Province, where the business houses have been ordered to close for 48 hours owing to the bad hygienic conditions. Several deaths with no medical assistance available, are said to have occurred at Las Rosas. The Sanitary Committee has asked for help and the National Department of Hygiene has begun a war on the rats infesting grain warehouses.

Paris, Dec. 16th. - A new German delegation which has come to Paris, to discuss compensation for the sinking of the German warships at Scapa Flow, arrived this morning. The delegation which is presided over by Council Seelinger, a member of the Commercial Department of the German Foreign Ministry, consists of Herr Rudolph Broht, representative of Hamburg Shipyards, Councillor Bieh, of the Ministry of Public Works, Dr. Petzer,

Director of the Hamburg-American Line, Dr. Peters, Director of the Weser Shipyard at Bremen, a representative of the Hamburg Government and Herr Paul Muller, representing three groups of seamen. The delegates arrived in a special car attached to the ordinary express train. There was no incident at the station, but crowds regarded the Germans with interest. The German Note in reply to the Allied communication demanding the signing of the Peace Protocol, was taken up by the Supreme Council at this morning's session. It was decided that a meeting of allied experts with the German shipping experts, should be held this afternoon. The portion of the German Note was sent to legal experts for examination. The Council's consideration of the German communication was one of a general nature. It was stated a reply would be made after a further examination of the document.

Paris, Dec. 16th. - Baron Von Lersner, head of the German Peace Delegation, commenting on the peace settlement, said hope was entertained in Entente circles that ratifications would be exchanged and peace would become effective before

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