

tion in view of the latest developments. Mr. Nevinson, war correspondent and author, telegraphing the Daily Herald, says that the situation is "undoubtedly very serious," and that he is unable to "seek hope as brightly as some do." He admits, however, that hope still exists. "If the Irish Republican Leaders" his despatches continues, "frame the reply to Great Britain's terms and submit it to the Dail Eireann for approval rather than discussions, it almost certainly will be accepted with minor alterations. The numbers of the Dail Eireann are for the most part accustomed to discipline and were elected to, or appointed for, field service. The danger to further negotiations and a subsequent peace comes from the influence of theorists and doctrinaires acting upon the spirit of militarism." In discussing the prospects if negotiations fail, Mr. Nevinson declares. "If the truce is broken, war in its most terrible form will sweep through Ireland. Civil war will be added to national war, and all who refuse to support the Republican army will be driven from the country or shot." The Dublin correspondent of the Daily News says Mr. Lloyd George is being charged with "rattling the sabre" in his address yesterday in the House of Commons. He says the speech may do definite harm. "It is a fact" he adds, "that a section of the Irish Republican leaders have been playing with their dangerous game of bluff in order to secure better terms. It is desirable that Great Britain make the plainest possible declaration that the terms submitted were the very best possible. Unhappily, however, Mr. Lloyd George coupled his declaration with threats which will more than counteract the influence for good. There is a general opinion that the consequences are likely to be fatal."

London, Aug. 20th.—Great Britain's formal acceptance of the official invitation to participate in the conference on Far Eastern questions and disarmament in November next has been forwarded to the United States Govt., it was announced here today. The British note is couched in cordial terms of approval of the objects for which the conference has been called, it was added.

Washington, August 21st.—The United States has informed the Govt. of Panama that as a friendly mediator between Panama and Costa Rica in their boundary dispute, it does not feel impelled to suggest "that Costa Rica delay longer taking jurisdiction over the territory now occupied by Panama and which was adjudged to belong to Costa Rica by the terms of the Loubet award". Almost simultaneously with publication of the note it became known that 400 marines had embarked at Philadelphia for the Canal Zone. Officials here, whose position made them cognizant of the movement, refused to divulge its purpose, or to comment, except for the statement

that it was ordered at the solicitation of the State Dept.

London, Aug. 21st.—A Reuter despatch from Lahore, India, says that food prices in the province of the Punjab are creating grave anxiety, and Govt. intervention is being solicited. Wheat prices have doubled in the last year and are still rising. In Simla the floods have damaged communications and in Waziristan some of the rivers are impassable.

Lake Forest Ills., Aug. 21st. Japan won all five tennis matches of the concluding days programme of the Davis Cup semi-finals with India, at the Onwentsia Club on Saturday. The Japanese will move at once to Newport, R. I., to battle with Australia in the final round of the Davis Cup series next Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

London, Aug. 21st.—London newspapers, in summing up the Irish situation this morning, devoted themselves to peace or war editorials. The Daily Express used Lincoln's, "we will not break up the Union and you shall not" as representing the position of the British Government. "If the negotiations break down", declared the "London Times", "the only practical alternatives are that we either impose upon Ireland what we think is a just settlement, or let southern Ireland go her way, as an independent republic. The first would be a convenience to us, but would be two years of agony to Ireland. The second would be treason, folly to England, and it is absolutely unthinkable as long as this nation remains a nation at all. It is either negotiations for a settlement by consent, or it is war. We never thought such dire alternatives would return, but they are here. Heaven forbid that we should rattle the sabre, but Heaven forbid too that we should ask consent to throw the crown and sceptre into the dust." "A miracle of wisdom", said the "Observer", "is needed to save the situation, but at the worst Great Britain should not resort to more military terrorism, and should adopt a policy of evacuation, rather than occupation. To attempt to reach a settlement but pouring in troops and tanks would be crude, blind and fatal, it would fail, for the reason that the Irish extremists live on excitement and battle. They perish in dullness. Our advice would be to leave the interior of southern Ireland to stew in its own juice, after loyalists there had withdrawn upon terms of fullest compensation. We should keep a firm grip on a few essential strategic points along the coast and the River Shannon, and withdraw the rolling stock of the railways. Ulster would know how to hold its own frontier. We hope and pray that Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Austen Chamberlain will stake their political futures absolutely on their insistence that the evacuation of the interior of southern Ireland must be the more bloodless and the more formidable

policy for Great Britain to adopt in the case of necessity.

Vienna, Aug. 21st.—Former Emperor Charles of Austria Hungary is said to be planning to ask the Council of the League of Nations to consent to the restoration of the monarchy.

Geneva, Aug. 21st.—Former Emperor Charles of Austria Hungary and Empress Zita will be permitted to remain in Switzerland until the end of October, under agreement reached by the British, Hungarian and Swiss Govt's, as no other country has signified its willingness to receive the ex-Royal couple the local newspapers declare. The Swiss Govt., it is said, will take the matter up again after this agreement expires. The ex-Emperor, the press reports, has just lost the greater part of 31,000,000 crowns he had on deposit in a Zurich bank, which has gone into bankruptcy while his brother, Archduke Maximilian, lost the equivalent of 4,000,000 marks. According to the "Finanz Review", this money was smuggled across the border during the war. Charles, it is declared was compelled to sell a private villa near Vienna to a wealthy Spaniard for 460,000 pesetas in order to continue living at his chateau near Lucerne.

Chatham, England, Aug. 21st.—The Philadelphia Pilgrims cricket team beat the Royal Navy team yesterday by six wickets, Crossman of the United States scoring 92 runs. The best bowler was by O'Neil of the Philadelphia Pilgrims, who took seven wickets for 61 runs.

London, Aug. 22nd.—King George has bestowed a unique honour on his uncle the Marquis of Milford Haven, formerly Prince Louis of Battenberg, by promoting him to be an Admiral of the Fleet on the retired list. There is no previous case of such an advancement of an officer to the highest rank in the Navy after the officers retirement. The Marquis, who was First Sea Lord of the Admiralty in 1914 when the World war was begun, resigned after the Fleet had been mobilized and distributed for its war service under his direction.

New York, Aug. 22nd.—The raw sugar market was steady at 4.50 for centrifugal for uncontrolled sugar at 3½ cents for Cubas cost and freight, equal to 4.86 for centrifugal. In refined sugar there was a decline of ten points, to the basis of 5.90 for fine granulated, by one of the leading refiners, while others were unchanged at 6.05 to 6.15.

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