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TELEGRAMS

ST. CROIX STATION.

Toronto, Oct. 20th.—As a result of the Dominion Cabinet's refusal to uphold the Board of Commerce order fixing the retail price of sugar at 21c. a pound, the price will drop to 17 and 16c. in the course of the next week, according to Toronto buyers.

New Orleans, Oct. 21st.—The American Sugar Refining Company here yesterday announced a reduction in its price for refined sugar from 22 to 12 cts. per pound less 2%. The reduction, it was said only applied to new business and merchants who contracted for October and November deliveries last May and June at 22½ will still have to take their sugar at that price but will be given 11 months to pay.

London, Oct. 21st.—Official confirmation came from two sources this morning of the reports that Lord Mayor MacSweeney has been fed during a period of unconsciousness. The bulletin of the Irish Self-determination League dealing with the Lord Mayor's condition on the 70th day of his hunger strike in Brixton prison announced that the prison doctors had forced meat juice into MacSweeney's mouth during a fit of delirium which the prisoner suffered last night. From the Government side, it was stated at the Home Office, that the Lord Mayor had been fed last night. It was explained there that the prison doctors were under instructions to use any possible means to keep him alive, but that during consciousness he resisted attempts to administer nourishment. Their attitude is, it was stated, that when the Mayor is unconscious and unable to resist they carry out their orders if they can they give him food.

London, Oct. 21st.—On a motion to adjourn the House of Commons last night Mr. Worthy, Independent, said that he has received a telegram from the Lord Mayor's wife and sister saying the prison physician had threatened the patient with forcible feeding with lime-juice. Mr. Edward Shortt, Secretary for Home Affairs, replied that he had no information, but if the doctor thought lime-juice would ease MacSweeney and help him to live and give him another chance of seeing his error the doctor would be justified in trying to induce him to take it and indeed forcing it upon him.

New Port, Oct. 21st.—A Federal indictment containing 127 counts was returned today against Armour and Co., Chicago Packers and various officers of the concern charging profiteering in violation of the Lever Act.

London, Oct. 22nd.—Mr. Lloyd George and the Cabinet were consulting informally this morning with a view of finding a channel for a strike settlement. Opinion generally expressed in government circles was that a definite opportunity for negotiations would be found before any serious development arose from threats of the railway men and transport workers. The conference of the National Union of Railwaymen decided today to invite the miners' executive to meet the railway conferees tomorrow afternoon. The calling of the meeting of the miners' executive tomorrow was generally believed to presage a possible opening of negotiations with the Government. It is understood the meeting was called on representations of members of the House of Commons representing the miners. Mr. Shortt, The Home Secretary, gave notice of a measure, mainly a revival of the war-time emergency regulations for a period of emergency.

London, Oct. 23rd.—The Exchange Telegraph announces it has been informed that Lord Mayor MacSweeney is at the point of death.

New York, Oct. 22nd.—Hotel-men of this city flatly refused to make any reduction in their present food prices at a three-hour conference here yesterday with Mr. Riley, special assistant to Attorney General Palmer. Mr. Riley then gave warning that investigations would be started immediately by federal agents, and wherever disclosed that unreasonable prices were being charged, he would submit the evidence to the Grand Jury, and ask for indictments charging profiteering in violation

of the Lever Act. Mr. Riley said that if other people were willing and able to make substantial cuts, the hotel men should be able to follow the example.

London, Oct. 22nd.—The Irish Home Rule Bill is again under discussion in the House of Commons. The Bill was taken up today when the House went into committee on the financial clause of the measure. There was a very small attendance of the members.

Warsaw, October 22nd.—The Foreign Minister has forwarded Poland's reply to the joint note of Great Britain and France concerning the occupation of Vilna by troops of General Zellgousk. The reply says that the Polish Govt. had not broken the armistice with Lithuania concluded under the League of Nations, and that Poland declines all responsibility for acts of insubordination on the part of General Zellgouski, which it condemns. The reply further declares the intention of Poland to respect the decisions of the League of Nations. It asserts that Poland is resolved to maintain the armistice concluded with Lithuania, and to respect all clauses of it. As proof of this, the note states, the exchange of prisoners has begun between Poland and Lithuania.

London, Oct. 22nd.—A violent explosion and firing was heard in various parts of Dublin early this morning, says a despatch from that city. Numerous rumours were current in the city, and at the time of filing the despatch, there has been no definite explanation of disorders. One report was that the armoury had been raided and a large quantity of arms and ammunition captured. The explosions were due to the throwing of hand grenades by the raiders who were engaged in a running fight with the police. Auxiliary police forces were searching for arms on quays and in the King's bridge section of the city, says the despatch.

London, Oct. 22nd.—The strike situation tonight was considered more hopeful by the fact that the peace conversations between the government and the miners' leaders are continuing unbroken. There were no new developments however.

Washington, Oct. 22nd.—Confirmation of the reported rapid decline of Bolshevism in Russia has been received by the United States department in advices of a reliable character. Secretary Colby said yesterday and the despatches added, have set forth every symptom of the breakdown of the Soviet Government.