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SITUATION CLARIFYING.

TOKIO, Nov. 18. There is distinct improvement in the situation between Japan and the United States relative to the California controversy, and officials evidently believe real progress is being made in negotiations between the two countries. Hitherto there has been a somewhat pessimistic attitude which has been created by many delicate points involved. Two thousand university students met here last night to discuss the question shall Japan fight the United States. The debate lasted four hours and was marked by vehement oratory, but there was good humor during the evening. The Man-

ager of the meeting, out of deference to the police, decided not to take a vote on the merits of the question as disclosed by speakers, and apparently the audience was equally divided as to the expediency of war between the two.

DRAFTING AGREEMENT WITH RUSSIA.

LONDON, Nov. 18. Premier Lloyd George stated in the House of Commons to-day that the Cabinet had decided to-day that a draft of an agreement to carry out the July arrangements for trade with Russia should be prepared, and he hoped it would be ready for submission to the Russian government in a few days.

ARMENIA REJECTS TURKISH ULTIMATUM.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 18. Armenia has rejected the ultimatum recently presented by the Turkish Nationalists, demanding that Armenian establish Soviet Government under Turkish protection. The Armenians declared that the acceptance of the conditions would be equivalent to loss of Armenia's sovereignty. It is reported that hostilities have been resumed, the Armenians counter attacking and that fighting is going on in the district of Zanzhecur Tartars.

ANOTHER DOCUMENT.

LONDON, Nov. 18. Sir Hamar Greenwood, Chief Secretary for Ireland, stated in the House

of Commons to-day that during a recent raid in Ireland the troops captured a document by the Commander-in-Chief of the Irish Republican army to his chief of staff, and horrifying statements regarding the spreading of typhoid among troops and glanders among cavalry horses. Sir Hamar read the document, dealing with the possibility of spreading typhoid among the troops by infected milk, the document described the difficulties and risks run by operators and concluded with the statement that the chief of staff would in any case need expert opinion in order to carry out the suggestion in the document.

THE ONE HUNDRED COMMISSION.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18. "Only the direst necessity" can justify a resort to arms for the adjustment of disputes in Ireland, Frederick Howe, Chairman of the Commission from the committee of one hundred investigating the Irish question, declared to-day at the opening of the unofficial commission hearing. He added that conditions in Ireland have created and are creating a widening rift in the friendly relations of English speaking people, not only in the United States, but all over the world. Howe told the committee that what he termed the "orgy of destruction" which is now ravishing Ireland is sending its repercussions "to every corner of the world." It could not fail to postpone indefinitely the re-

turn of ordered tranquility to civilization, he added. Howe said the Commission had determined to ascertain the facts and to learn as nearly as possible what conditions are in Ireland and the reasons for them.

WORK OF THE LEAGUE.

GENEVA, Nov. 18. It was announced by the League of Nations to-day that Spain and Great Britain, as well as France and Belgium, would send troops to Vilna to maintain order during the plebiscite to be held to determine the political fate of that city as between Lithuania and Poland. Sir George Foster, Canadian Minister of Trade and Commerce, was elected as vice-president of the League of Nations on the first ballot, it was announced by President Hymans, this afternoon. Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, of Norway, took the floor to report to the Assembly the work done in connection with the prisoners of war. He prefaced his remarks with an expression of full accord with, and great admiration for the speech delivered yesterday by Lord Robert Cecil, and he hoped the committee would take up their work in the spirit which animated Lord Robert's remarks. The explorer gave in English a vivid picture of the situation of war prisoners in Russia, their privations and sufferings. Without the aid of the International Red Cross he said, little could have been done towards the repatriation of the prisoners. He said also that he would not be doing his full duty if he did not render thanks to the German Government for co-operation in the task. The Bolshevik Government, likewise he said, did what it could to help. Dr. Nansen appealed to the League to profit by the lessons he had learned in contact with the incalculable sufferings of war prisoners and prevent a recurrence of the great tragedy that had been enacted.

GREEK PREMIER TAKES OATH OF OFFICE.

ATHENS, Nov. 18. George Rallis, the new Premier of Greece, with three members of his Cabinet took oath of office before Admiral Goundouriotis yesterday afternoon. Those who qualified in company with the Premier were M. Gou-

naris, Minister of War, M. Dalmaris, Minister of Interior, and M. Callomerpoulos, Minister of Finance. M. Rhalis will hold the Portfolio of Minister of Foreign Affairs. Demonstrations took place in the city yesterday, but the number of persons taking part was not large. There were motor cars and carriages carrying large flags, and portraits of former King Constantine were prominently displayed. During the demonstrations shots were often fired, but every attempt was made to maintain order.

PROHIBITION IN SCOTLAND.

LONDON, Nov. 18. Latest returns from Scottish prohibition polls show that in Clydebank, a leading shipbuilding centre, three out of five wards voted wet, but, Radner, residential ward stood for complete dry regime. In Alyth, Dalbeattie, Dysart, Paddington, Rothesay, North Bute and Selkirk the voters decided they did not want a change. A number of other districts will vote early in December.

GIFTS TO CANADA.

LONDON, Nov. 18. On November 30 the cruiser Aurora and the destroyers Patricia and Patrick will sail for Halifax. These ships are gifts of the Admiralty to Canada. Officers and crews are mostly Canadians.

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