

Germans Balk on Scapa Flow.

Refusal to Concede Allies Demand for Reparation -- D'Annunzio Gains His Point -- Home Rule Not for Present -- Trouble at Cairo Continues -- Earthquakes in Alaska.

SCAPA FLOW SINKING A KNOT.

PARIS, Dec. 15. The German reply to the Entente note is regarded in French official circles as acceding to all the points raised in the Allied note excepting that concerning the sinking of the German warships in Scapa Flow which point is reserved with a view to keeping the negotiations open.

D'ANNUNZIO SATISFIED.

FIUME, Dec. 15. Italy is to have complete sovereignty over Fiume and all provisions of the Treaty of London are to be carried out under the terms of the compact signed by Premier Nitti and D'Annunzio, according to a statement made by D'Annunzio to a press representative. D'Annunzio is declared to consider that all of his ambitions, which resulted in the seizure of Fiume, have been attained and that an agreement signed with Premier Nitti fully guarantees their realization.

NOT THIS SESSION.

LONDON, Dec. 15. Premier Lloyd announced in the House of Commons this afternoon that no Irish bill would be introduced at this session of Parliament. He promised a statement on Monday next giving an outline of the measure.

THE CONFERENCE PROPAGANDA.

LONDON, Dec. 15. Discussion with reference to the conclusion of peace with Turkey and Hungary and the Adriatic question took place during the recent conferences in Downing Street, Premier Lloyd George told the House of Commons today. Further sittings of the Peace Conference and ratification of the treaties already concluded and execution of their clauses also were discussed. The economic and financial situation was examined in detail and in order to remedy the fall in exchange which was prejudicial to the two nations Great Britain has agreed to permit the issue of a French Loan in England. He said the Russian situation was given full consideration. Upon all questions the Allies were in complete agreement, the Premier asserted and the Conference would be resumed at an early date or one convenient for the Premiers of France, Italy and Great Britain and representatives of the United States and Japan in order to formulate proposals for the treaty with Turkey and finally to dispose of the difficulties arising out of the Adriatic situation.

SUNK BY MINE.

BASLE, Dec. 15. Advice received here today from Stettin, say that the steamer Kriemhild met a ship having on board ten persons saved from a wreck. The advice says these persons declared they were on the American steamer Libertelle, 10,500 tons, bound from New York to Emden, which struck a mine and sank. No trace of the rest of the crew of forty men could be found, it was said.

BUNKER RESTRICTIONS CANCELLED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. The restrictions against supplying fuel coal to foreign ships were relaxed today by the railroad administration of the foreign vessels which have

been held in Atlantic and other ports, since shortage of coal became acute.

TO DISCUSS IMPORTANT WORK.

LONDON, Dec. 15. Viscount Grey, Ambassador to the United States, has been granted leave of absence from Washington in order to come to England and discuss several important questions with the Government. It was announced by Premier Lloyd George at this afternoon's session of the House of Commons.

THE CAUSE EVIDENT.

LONDON, Dec. 15. The Egyptian Premier on whose life an attempt was made in Cairo today is Yussun Pasha who formed a cabinet in November after the existing cabinet had resigned because of dissatisfaction over the appointment of a commission headed by Viscount Milner, Secretary for the Colonies, which recently arrived in Egypt. It is known here that Egyptian Radicals regarded the new Premier with disfavor because he had not taken a stand against Great Britain.

PROHIBITION ACT CONSTITUTIONAL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. The wartime prohibition act was held constitutional today by the Supreme Court.

LIVELY TIMES IN CAIRO.

LONDON, Dec. 15. The police and British soldiers frustrated several attempted demonstrations on Wednesday last at Cairo, according to advices received here today. Lorries laden with troops patrolled the streets, the soldiers alighting where ever the crowds gathered. These were dispersed with sticks, the soldiers being obliged to fire over the heads of the crowds occasionally. The residents paraded with carriage and motor cars, giving vent to their usual cries.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR GREY.

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peace basis. The name of Sir Robert Borden was considered as a successor to Lord Reading during the presence of the Canadian Premier in Paris in connection with the Peace conference, it was understood then that he desired to retain his position in Canada. He has been in the habit of making several visits to this country every year for the benefit of his health, however, and it was suggested that the climatic seasons might influence him in considering.

QUAKES IN ALASKA.

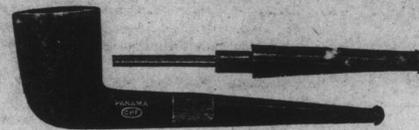
JUNEAU, Alaska, Dec. 15. Juneau and vicinity were rocked at 4:10 this afternoon by one of the heaviest earthquakes experienced here in years. Buildings were badly shaken, but no material damage was reported. It is believed the shock centers about Kaimal Volcano near Kodiak and that that volcano may be in eruption again.

WILL PUBLISH RECORDS.

BERLIN, Dec. 15. The sub-Committee investigating peace opportunities, will publish a complete record of communications exchanged with the Washington Embassy, and also the official documents bearing on the Central Powers peace offer.

BRITISH TROOPS WITHDRAW FROM SYRIA.

LONDON, Dec. 15. Lebanon, Beirut, Tripoli and Alexandria have been handed over to General M. J. Gourand, French High Commissioner in Syria, according to advices from Cairo date of Dec. 10. The British military posts in the Marash, Aintas, Urfa and Jebablos areas, which have been under Turkey's administration have also been



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