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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, May 12th.—Doubt as to whether the Cunard steamer Aquitania would be able to sail on Saturday for New York has been removed, says the "Daily Mail", through the office staff of the Cunard Line at Liverpool having volunteered to replace the striking stewards, cooks and butchers, who refuse to sign for the trip because of a cut in wages.

London, May 12th.—Mr Asquith delivered a long speech last evening, and took occasion to remind his hearers that just a year ago he had been and advocate of the policy of giving Ireland the same status as that enjoyed by the self-governing dominions. If England were arraigned at the bar of history, there is only one indictment that we would be afraid to face, and that would be in connection with our policy in Ireland, said Mr. Asquith. In regard to the pretension that Great Britain is prevented from recognizing the claims of Ireland by military consideration, the liberal leader said that, in his opinion the difficulties supposed to be involved in the question of strategic safety were grossly exaggerated. If the validity of this argument was acknowledged, it would be obligatory to recognize the right of the United States to establish a political domination of Canada to protect its frontiers.

Winnipeg, May 12th.—The Scottish football team which will tour Canada and the United States sailed yesterday on the "Cameronia" from Liverpool for Halifax.

Dusseldorf, May 12th.—General De-

goutte, commanding the Allied forces on the Rhine, arrived here this morning from Mayence and immediately ordered the preparations for occupying the Ruhr to cease. It was remarked among the military officers, however, that the order said, "the operation has been postponed", and not entirely abandoned.

New York, May 12th.—Mr Thomas, General Secretary of the National Union of Railway men of Great Britain, encountered a hostile demonstration on his arrival here yesterday on the Olympic. Men and women, who styled themselves representatives of the Irish American Labour League, assembled at the pier bearing banners criticizing Mr Thomas for his action in the settlement of the threatened strike of the Tripple Alliance in England last month, when he urged the miners to accept a resumption of negotiations with Mr Lloyd George. One banner read "Judas hanged himself after his betrayal; will Thomas do the same". Another asserted that British workmen had driven Mr Thomas out of England. Police reserves were called out as a precaution, but they were not needed. Mr Thomas and his daughter, who accompanied him, left the pier unobserved in a closed taxicab through a freight exit. "They are entitled to their opinion", was Mr Thomas only comment. He said he came to the United States to rest.

New York, May 12th.—A \$5,000,000 gold shipment, said to be the first of a series to be made by the Government of Great Britain to aid in the retirements of its bonds, maturing in this market on November 1st., has arrived here, consigned to J. P. Morgan & Co, fiscal agents here for the British Government. The gold came yesterday aboard the steamship "Mauretania". It came unannounced, other than for an accompanying letter from the bank of England. The British maturity in this market this Autumn, amounts to \$150,000,000 and is a 5½% secured loan dated November 1st. 1916, the last half of an issue of \$3,000,000 United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland notes, the first half of which was paid on November 1st 1919. Approximately \$45,000,000 of notes have been purchased in the open market, retired and cancelled. The balance to be paid at maturity. The flow of gold into the United States during the last month approximated \$50,000,000 making the total since the first of the year in excess of \$231,000,000.

London, May 12th.—At a meeting held in Glasgow tonight an overwhelming ma-

jority of the delegates of the Glasgow and Clyde railwaymen voted against striking in support of the coal miners. It was received at a joint meeting of the executive of the National Union of railwaymen and transport workers federation today to tighten the embargo on imported coal. An appeal will also be made to the Dutch and French transport workers and the international transport federation for the institution of a blockade.

Grenada, May 13th.—The Hon. W. S. Commission, C. M. G., K. C., for many years senior unofficial member of the executive and legislative council of this colony died here this morning.

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