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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Paris, March 23rd.—Germany in her reply today to the recent ultimatum of the Allied reparations commission refuses to pay the one billion marks gold due on this date and disputes the commissions figures showing a balance of twelve billion marks due on May 1st. It is maintained by the German note that the twenty billion marks which the treaty provided be handed over May 1st has been more than paid. The note asks that a joint commission of experts fix the value of the German deliveries on reparations account, but it declares that in any event it would be impossible for Germany to pay twelve billion marks by the 1st. of May.

London, March 23rd. Because the press and public men in Cuba are demanding the imposition of a duty of 40% ad valorem on all British goods, as a reprisal for the British 50% duty on Cuban cigars, Mr. Nugent, director of the Federation of British Industries, strongly urges a reciprocal agreement with Cuba. In a letter to the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Nugent mentions that in the first quarter of 1920 that British exports to Cuba were 150% larger than in the corresponding period of 1919 and that recent United States reports stated British cotton goods are getting a big hold in that island.

Rome, March 22nd.—The customs officials have found what they believe to be part of the Russian imperial treasures, including a fragment of the late Czar's crown, in the baggage of the Russian commercial delegation to Italy which has been held for several days in the rail-

way station here pending examination. Many of these treasures are ancient works of art, and in addition to some jewels, brilliants, as large as nuts, valued at millions were discovered. A collection of 1920 ancient coins which also were found is declared alone to be worth several millions.

New York, March 23rd.—Raw sugar was steady early today at 5½ for Cuba's cost and freight, equal to 6.27 for centrifugal. Refined continues in fair demand and prices are steady at 8.00. Futures were firmer on coverings, and prices at midday were six or seven points higher. Trading was light.

Paris, March 23rd. The reparations commission as considered the German statement regarding the non-payment of the one billion gold marks today. The date fixed by the Allies for payment, and is for sending a communication to the German Govt., according to an official announcement. The communication will be delivered in Berlin tomorrow.

Baltimore, March 23rd.—The death of Cardinal Gibbons was momentarily expected tonight and his physicians announced that he would not have the strength to live through another day, it was announced at the archiepiscopal residence this evening. Throughout the day the Cardinal's condition was precarious. He lapsed into unconsciousness several times, each time the doctors believing that the end had come.

London, March 22nd.—Sugar in stock on the 19th inst. was 144,000 tons. Last year 47,000 tons.

Berlin, March 23rd.—The trials of war criminals by the Supreme Court of Leipzig are expected to commence at the beginning of May. According to the newspapers the cases brought by the British Government will be taken up first, witnesses coming to Germany from England to testify. The first case will be against a non-commissioned landstrum officer named Hoine for ill-treating prisoners in Ruhr prison, where British and French troops were interned. The second case will be against naval Lieut. Newman for sinking the hospital-ship Dover Castle, while the third case will be against Lieut. Werner, charged with sinking the steamer Torrington and drowning the crew, except the captain, by submerging while they were on the deck of the submarine. Lieut. Commander Patseig will be charged with sinking the hospital ship Landover Castle. Charges will be brought against Captain Mueller for criminal neglect in

prison camps. The British and French are also bringing charges against the former commandant of Metz, General von Oven.

Paris, March 24th.—The Allied reparations commissions delivered to the German delegation here today a note replying to the German refusal to pay the one billion gold marks on reparation account, which the commission had demanded to be handed over yesterday. The Germans were asked that the note be transmitted to the German Govt. in Berlin as quickly as possible.

Baltimore, Md., March 24th.—Cardinal James Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore and Primate of the United States Roman Catholic Church, died at the Archiepiscopal residence here today after a prolonged illness, which mainly affected his heart. He was in his 87th year. The end came peacefully at 11.23 o'clock.

London, March 24th.—Mr. Churchill has arrived in Palestine.

Athens, March 24th.—Greek troops numbering 120,000 are participating in the Greek offensive against the Turkish nationalist forces in Asia Minor, it is reported here. The Turkish nationalists are believed to have about 90,000 effectives in the field, but have smaller supplies upon which to draw. The most careful preparations were made by the Greeks in connection with the offensive which began yesterday, and it is anticipated here that the Greeks will win important positions with their first drive. Apprehension is felt here that the Smyrna hinterland will throw the Turks into the arms of the Russian Soviet Govt. of Moscow. The objective of the offensive is the Bagdad railway, although Greek commanders have planned to reach the city of Eskişehir.

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