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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, June 18th.—The executive committee of the miners union, which met this morning to consider the coal strike situation, decided to ask all the trades unions affected by the wage dispute to get the miners representatives at an early date, with the object of taking national action with the miners to secure their mutual demands. Secretary Hodges, of the miners, said this implied a general strike, if the other unions agree. The members of the miners committee left for their respective districts after the meeting had adjourned indefinitely. The committee will not re-assemble, it was said, until developments arise, or the members are called together by their officials.

Belfast, June 18th.—It was announced today that the Queen would accompany the King on his visit to Belfast for the opening of the Parliament of Northern Ireland here next Wednesday. The King and Queen will be escorted from England by two light cruisers, a flotilla leader and nine destroyers.

London, June 18th.—The adjournment of the debate in the House of Lords yesterday, after weighty arguments by Lord Buxton and Viscount Bryce in favour of amending the Home Rule Bill and entering into negotiations with the moderate Sinn Feiners, together with announcement that the Government would reply on Tuesday brought out new peace rumours yesterday. Suggestions are also made that advantage should be taken of the presence of the Dominion Premiers in London, to make renewed

efforts to reach a settlement of the Irish difficulties. The idea generally favoured is that some prominent men like General Smuts, Premier of the Union of South Africa, Viscount Grey and the Earl of Derby should be designated by the Govt. to meet a delegation representing the Northern and Southern Irish Parliaments and endeavour to negotiate an acceptable compromise. Although nothing definite can be learned, there is an impression that the Govt. is about to make some new attempt in this new direction.

London, June 17th.—The long spell of hot weather has given the bat absolute supremacy in county cricket. This week nearly every innings total has been bigger than usual, and fully thirty-three figure individual scores have been made. The highest scores were Freeman, Essex 286, Rhodes, Yorkshire 267 not out, Bardsley, Australia, 209. The Australians in their match against Hampshire today made 708 for 7 wickets, the highest innings ever made by an Australian team against an English county cricket league team. The match was eventually drawn.

Ottawa, June 18th.—The Canada West Indies trade agreement went into effect today, Canadian products will go into the British West Indies, which have ratified the agreement, and a preference amounting in some cases to fifty per cent and theirs in turn will come into Canada at a preference. Much is hoped for under this agreement by the proponents of this plan. Some hope to do away with Canada's dependence on the Southern States for fruits and certain hard woods and in turn to displace American articles of manufacture now sent into the British West Indies to the value of many million of dollars.

Constantinople, June 19th.—The delay in the predicted Greek offensive against the Turkish Nationalists is believed in many neutral quarters here, to be due to the uncertain morale of the Greek troops, coupled with what is reported to be the fairly good condition of the Turkish forces.

Manchuria Harbin, June 10th.—Further successes by the troops of General Baron Von Ungernsternberg, Anti-Bolshevik leader in Siberia, are reported here. His forces are said to have captured Petrovskoy on the Trans Siberian railway midway between Irkutsk and Nesita, and to be threatening Chita, capital of the Govt of the far western republic of Siberia.

London, June 19th.—An offer of Anglo American intervention would be welcomed by the best opinion in Greece in order to avoid unnecessary bloodshed in the forthcoming offensive, the Smyrna Correspondent of the "London Times" has authoritative grounds to believe he adds that the British Consul officially visited Premier Gounaris on Saturday.

Burlingham Polo Field London, June 19th.—The United States won the first of the Polo matches for the International trophy, played here Saturday, defeating Great Britain by the score of 11 to 4. The overwhelming defeat of the British came as a distinct surprise to the thousands who witnessed the match. The challengers swept the defenders off their feet from the start, and acquired a lead which was never overcome. The Americans individually and as a team, outrode their opponents.

London, June 19th.—A Baronet, 15 Knights, and a large number of promoters in the order of the British Empire, have been gazetted, most of the recipients having been associated with wartime Ministers.

London, June 18th.—British traders are being given extended credit facilities for overseas exports. The Government bill amending the overseas trade credit actions not to increase the total credit limit of 26,000,000, but proposes to guarantee drafts drawn against shipments of goods to all parts of the British Empire, with the exception of India, Ceylon and other British possessions in the far east, where the markets are still fully supplied. This guarantee will, it is hoped, encourage the export trade to the selfgoverning dominions.

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