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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, May 8th.—Mr. Arthur Willey, the veteran Conservative member of the House of Commons for Central Leeds, went down to his constituency last night and soundly rated those labour Socialist members of the Leeds City Council, who against the wishes of the Lord Mayor, himself a member of the labour party ostentatiously declare they will disassociate themselves from the ceremonies in connection with the arranged for visit of the Prince of Wales to Leeds on June 1st. Mr. Willey characterized the actions of the Socialists in question as a calamity even a tragedy. The Prince, he said, is the most popular man in the world today and in him all imperial interests centered. Leeds Socialists could not do things with the "smallest smell of dignity", he said, "narrow and small minded" as they were. Their attitude filled him with abhorrence and disgust.

Yenchow-Fu, China, May 8th.—Negotiations have been started for the release of the prisoners held by the Chinese bandits, it is announced in advices received here. The bandits are located 30 miles from Lin-Ching.

Shanghai, May 8th.—Fifteen foreigners, all men, three of them British, still are in the hands of the Suchow train bandits, according to a list compiled here today. Two others escaped and have reached Tsinan-Fu. In addition there are eight United States citizens, an Italian, a Frenchman and a Mexican, as well as one man whose nationality is not known.

London, May 8th.—A ransom of \$400,000 pounds for the foreigners held as prisoners is demanded by the Chinese

bandits, says a Central News despatch from Shanghai today. The British and United States garrisons at Tientsien, adds the despatch, have been mobilized.

Werden, May 8th.—Dr. Krupp Von Bohlen, head of the Krupp works, was sentenced to fifteen years in jail and to pay a fine of one hundred millions marks today, as a result of the trial by court martial here, growing out of the shooting at the Kropp plant on March 31st. Directors Hartwig and Oesterlen also were sentenced to fifteen years imprisonment each, director Bruhn to ten years and Baur and Schaeffer to twenty years each. All were also sentenced to pay fines of one hundred million marks each. The defendants were charged with inciting the workers at the plant to resist the French troops when they came to requisition automobiles. Special stress was laid by the French prosecution on the blowing of the sirens at the plant, which it was contended encouraged the men to resist. It was held that the directors were responsible for the continued sounding of the sirens, even if they had not directly ordered that they be blown. Works managers Schraepler and Cuntz were sentenced to 20 years imprisonment, with fines of 100,000,000 marks. Superintendent Gross, of the apprentice department, was given ten years and factory councilman Mueller six months.

Halifax, N. S. May 9th.—The following West Indians graduated from Dalhousie University, Halifax, this year. Arts and science, (B. A.) Grant, C. F. Port of Spain, Trinidad. Law, (L. L. B.) Hamilton, Frederick A. Scarborough, Tobago. Cross, Ethelbert L. San Fernando, Trinidad.

Rome, May 9th.—The Pope received King George and Queen Mary in solemn audience in the Apostolic Palace of the Vatican at 11 a. m. Their Majesties were accompanied by the Hon. Theophilus Russel, Minister to the Holy See, and by their suite. They drove into the Vatican through the gate of the mint and upon arriving in the court-yard of St. Damaso, were accorded military honours by the Palatine guards and a detachment of pontifical gendarmes. Prince Ruspoli, Grand Master of the Holy Hospice, in his picturesque costume of black velvet and ruff, opened the door of the motor car bearing the King and Queen and as the Sovereigns stepped forth they were welcomed in the name of the Pontiff by Mgr. De Samper, Papal Major Domus.

The Royal cortege, comprising high prelates and prominent personages of the Papal court, then formed, escorting their Majesties up the staircase into the Clementine Hall. The King was in full dress uniform. At the head of the stairs 24 Swiss guards presented arms as the remainder of the Papal court came forward to receive the Royal visitors, and the party then proceeded through the rooms of the palace toward the Papal apartments. Only the King and Queen and Mr. Russell entered the private library of the Pontiff, where the audience took place. As the door opened Pius XI walked to meet the British sovereigns, holding out his hand to them in cordial greetings. The Pontiff was gowned entirely in white, wearing on his head a white zucchetto. The audience lasted nearly half an hour. At its conclusion, members of the English suite of the King were introduced and presented by him to the Pope. Immediately after the audience Their Majesties descended to the apartment of Cardinal Gasparri, paying to the Papal Secretary of State the usual visit. They then went to the Patrizi Palace, the temporary residence of Mr. Russell, where Cardinal Gasparri immediately returned the call, remaining for the luncheon which Mr. Russell gave in honor of the sovereigns. To this affair were invited the various members of the Roman aristocracy connected with the Papal court.

General Supt. Office, St. Thomas, May 10th.—The cables ship "Henry Holmes" completed the repair of the cable between Ponce, Porto Rico and Jamaica on the 4th instant, thereby restoring duplicate communication by the company's lines with Jamaica, Cuba, the United States, Canada, and all points beyond. The repair of this cable has been effected after repeated attempts and at very heavy cost, the final operations being carried out in a depth of nine thousand feet of water, the cable being found in excellent condition. Its restoration doubles the capacity of the service for the handling of traffic and removes the difficulties which existed during its interruption.

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