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TELEGRAMS

ST. CROIX STATION.

Mexico City, Sept. 18th.—The Secretary of the Treasury has been ordered to make immediate payment to the United States Govt. of 10,000 pesos, representing the sum paid to obtain the ransom of Lieuts. Peterson and Davis, American aviators, who were captured by Mexican bandits in August. The money will be delivered by a special messenger for the Treasury Department.

Vienna, Sept. 18th.—A Budapest despatch says that as a result of the efforts of the inter-Allied military mission the Rumanians have agreed to return the materials seized by them in Hungary, and abide by the decision of the peace conference regarding distribution. This is not confirmed from any other sources.

Paris, Sept. 18th.—The situation in the Baltic region, which has been complicated by various factors recently, including the difficulty of the withdrawal of General Von Der Goltz's German troops, desired by the Allies, was taken up by the Supreme Council at its session today. Regarding the Baltic situation, the Council heard the report of Major General Hubert Gough of the British Army, allied military representative in that region. Marshall Foch attended the session.

London, Sept. 18th.—There has been no new development or change in the British policy regarding Russia, the Associated Press was officially informed today. British troops have begun to evacuate the Caucasus, it is announced, detachments having left Tiflis.

London, Sept. 19th.—The organization of a Polish Navy to become operative

with the ratification of the Peace Treaty, is proceeding rapidly, according to advices from Polish sources. The fleet will consist, according to the present plans, of four armoured cruisers and 12 large torpedo boats. It will have a personnel of 3,500 including 110 officers probably under the command of Admiral Porebski.

Keywest, Fla., Sept. 19th.—Embedded in quicksand under 40 feet of water, off Rebecca Shoals lighthouse, divers today found the hulk of a vessel believed to be the Spanish passenger liner Balbanera which has been missing since the Eastern portion of the Gulf of Mexico was swept by a hurricane ten days ago. The divers employed by the Cuban Consul here, after the sunken wreck was discovered by a U. S. coast guard vessel, reported that the name Valbanera could be made out clearly but no trace was found of the 35 passengers and 150 members of the crew reported aboard the Spanish Liner when she left Spain for Havana. The steamer was found off the Rebecca Shoals lighthouse which is 40 miles from here, the divers said.

Budapest, Sept. 18th.—Report indicate the continued withdrawal of the Rumanians, who are taking with them almost everything movable on which they can lay their hands. It is learned from the lines, that they have been seizing jewelry from the women and children and confiscating live stock, fodder, and agricultural implements. What appears to be the gravest aspect of the situation however, is the great number of locomotives and cars the Rumanians have taken away, practically stripping the country of the means of railway transport. They have also seized an enormous amount of artillery, ammunition, airplanes and other material.

New York, Sept. 19th. Announcement that the ex-Hamburg American Line steamship "Imperator", one of the largest ships in the world, has been acquired by the Cunard Steamship Co. Ltd., from the Ministry of Shipping, was made here today. The "Imperator" which stayed at Hamburg during the war and was used for carrying home American troops after the armistice was signed, is now docked here, being refitted for passenger service. She will be used with the "Aquitania" and "Mauretania" in providing a weekly service to Cherbourg and Southampton.

Washington, Sept. 19th.—The statement was made here that the Italian Govt. had put into execution a land and sea blockade against Dannaunzio and his force which has taken command of the

situation at Fiume. The Govt., it is understood, expects by this means to starve the city and Dannaunzio's troops into submission. The use of troops against him is not contemplated by the Govt. although Dannaunzio himself and the soldiers following him will be dealt with under the military law if the movement fails and they are brought within the Italian military jurisdiction. There is no intention to take any measures against the city itself, the whole affair being left for Italy to solve, so it is said.

Paris, Sept. 19th. M. Merrihem, Secretary of the Metal Workers' Union, created a sensation at the Labour Federation convention in Lyons yesterday by denouncing "The wave of immorality which threatens to submerge all classes of society, the working classes more than any other". M. Merrihem, who is one of the Socialists who conferred with German socialists at Zimmermann, Switzerland, during the war and who formerly was one of the most aggressive labour leaders in France, took the floor to defend the executive committee of the Federation against criticisms by the extremists for the fiasco which marked the proposed strike of July 21st last. He ridiculed the extremists of Labour organization who talked of such plans as a four-hour day and said that what organized labour needed was to get work. "You talk of a revolutionary situation," he said, "But left to itself the proletariat could accomplish nothing. The war has sharpened all appetites and provoked all sorts of covetousness in all circles, even among workers. Idealism has founded under the base, material preoccupation. Money is everything, no one wants anything but money. We must save the working class from that wave of immorality". M. Merrihem's speech made a deep impression on the Delegates, which was evidenced in a great ovation as he left the platform.

General Superintendent's office. St. Thomas, V. I., Sept. 20th.—Owing to the services of the French company cable-ship being unavailable for some time to come for further operations on the company's system, negotiations for the charter of another repairing ship were being conducted and were approaching completion but we are today advised that she has been withdrawn for the purpose of repairing interruptions of her own company's cables caused by the recent hurricane on the American coast. It is hoped that the charter may be arranged shortly.