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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, Jan. 21st.—A strike of the railway enginemen comprising engineers and firemen started at midnight. The announcement of the strike was made at the headquarters of the organization. The strike was called without the support of the National Union of Railwaymen and the railway clerks, organization, the members of which will continue at work, unless coercion is employed to force them to take the strikers places. Despatches from the provinces report strike meetings at all the big railway centres, but it will be impossible to discover how far the strike has been effective for some hours.

Athens, Jan. 20th.—Premier Venizelos on Saturday, announced that in the coming referendum to determine the future regime of the country he would vote in favour of a Republic.

London, Jan. 20th.—What is claimed to be one of the greatest and richest oil bearing shale beds ever discovered has been found in West Somerset, according to the Evening Star today. The bed, covering a large area, is said to have a mining surface of six-hundred to seven hundred feet, which the experts here say is unprecedented. The beds, it is declared contain the best values of oils, comparable only with the green river formation in Colorado, hitherto an unparalleled example of oil shale wealth. The news paper quotes Mr. Larattee Larkin a British engineer as reporting that it was safe to base the commercial production of the beds at 9,000,000,000 tons of oil shale, with an oil content of more than 1,000,000,000 tons valued at 3,000,000,000 pounds. He estimated the shale

could be quarried for three shillings per ton. It also quoted Dr. Forbes Leslie, Geologist, as saying the beds were "a mighty source of heat and power from which we could draw for our industries without spending money on foreign oil. The magnitude of this discovery means that we can supply all our needs for cheap power light and heat for centuries." He claims the beds make Great Britain independent of foreign supplies in time of war.

Swansea, Jan. 20th.—Forty thousand spectators witnessed the International Rugby Football Match which was played in showery weather on Saturday afternoon between England and Wales and which was won by the former by 17 points to 9. At half time the score was 11 to 3 except for one rush into the English twenty-five early in the game, the play favoured England. The Welshmen then played with more dash, but could not gain any advantage, the English forwards having much more speed. The English backs handled cleverly.

London, Jan. 20th.—So far as Mr. Winston Churchill broadside may have been expected to influence the actual Parliamentary situation, it has completely miscarried. As previously explained, his suggested plan fails to fit into the groove of accepted Parliamentary procedure and at most it is likely to detach some Liberal sympathizers from voting for the Labour amendment regarding non-confidence in the Baldwin Government, but cannot delay the climax.

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Thursday afternoon. Choir Rehearsal.
" Night. Class Meeting at 7:30.
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" " 10:00. Regular Preaching.
" at 12:30. Sunday School.
" Night 7:00 Evening Worship and special Sermon, Theme, "OUR HOMES."

AT GROVE PLACE

Friday at 7:00. The Board Meeting.
" " 8:00. The General Class Meeting.
Friday is Consultation Day for this Church.
Sunday morning. Sunday School.
" noon. Regular Preaching.

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Sunday at 1:30. Sunday School.
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