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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Paris, April 27th.—M. Jusserand, French Ambassador to the United States, has been informed by the French Govt that the reparations proposals, as transmitted to the Washington Govt., are absolutely unacceptable. The French point of view is that these proposals instead of making any advance toward a satisfactory settlement of the reparations questions are rather a step backward. It is pointed out in official circles that the Germans, in their proposal, are precise in their demands and extremely vague in their offers and that what they propose would yield to France only one third of the French reparations claims and that only conditionally. The Germans on the other hand demand, first, release of all pledges held by the Allies in the way of occupation or claims upon German property abroad. Second, that upper Silesia shall remain German territory, third release from all the cost of the military occupation of the Rhineland, as well as the evacuation of other German territory. This amounts, according to the French view, to giving up all guarantees, without any alternative security or definite assurance even that the promised amount will be paid.

Halifax, N. S. April 28th.—The Cuban Sugar Committee today sold 22,000 bags at 3.7/8 cost and freight, equivalent value of British crystals in Canada about 4.25 cif American funds, or 4.75 Canadian funds. There is very little demand, but the market was steady at decline.

London April 28th.—Germany's attempt to clarify certain of her reparations proposals, in compliance with the request of the Foreign Office yesterday, was said in official circles today, to have resulted in general confusion. Great Britain has asked for further explanations.

Paris, April 28th.—M. Viviani returned to Paris yesterday from his mission to the United States.

Washington, April 28th.—Unemployment in England is increasing at an alarming rate. Consular despatches reported yesterday. Birmingham where more than one hundred thousand persons are idle, is cited as typical, with an increase of eight thousand per week during the past three weeks. An unprecedented volume of German goods is being dumped upon the British market.

London, April 28th.—Announcement was made by the bank of England this morning, that the bank's rate has been reduced to six and one half per cent. For the past twelve months it has remained at seven per cent. The reduction was a concession to the traders and advocates of cheaper money, and it came somewhat unexpectedly at this time. It had been thought that authorities would await decision of the coal dispute and the outcome of the deliberations of the Allied Supreme Council on reparations before making a move. The anxiety to ease conditions for the commercial community, and the weight of favourable factors however influenced the directors of the bank in their decision to reduce the rates, which is expected in financial circles, to be followed by another reduction in the near future. The discount market immediately adjusted its rates to coincide with the bank rate, while bankers are considering the advisability of lower deposit rates.

Havana, April 27th.—The tournament committee, which had in charge the international chess championship match between Lasker and Capablanca, today granted Lasker's request to resign the series and concede Capablanca, the world championship chess title. Dr. Lasker gave illness as the reason for its desire to cease playing the \$25,000 involved is being divided among the players as though the full 24 games had been played.

Bombay, April 28th.—The Times of India says today a serious riot is reported to have occurred at Malegaon, north-east of Nasik. Telegraph wires in that district have been cut and no details of the riot have been received although a number of constables are reported to have been killed and a sub-inspector and a magistrate injured. Troops and police have been sent to the scene.

London, April 28th. The negotiations which have been in progress with the purpose of endeavouring to end the coal strike reached another complete deadlock today, when the Miners Federation

rejected the Govt. latest offer to increase the temporary subsidy to the industry. The rejection was made by an overwhelming majority of the miners delegates, because the offer fails to concede the fundamental principle for which they stand.

London, April 28th.—According to the returns published by the labor department of the Board of Trade, there were at the beginning of the present week 1,774,400 persons out of employment in the United Kingdom. The increase over the previous week was 8,100. Unemployment figures have been materially augmented as a consequence of the miners strike, but even an early settlement of that trouble holds little prospect of the absorption of the vast armies of unemployed who are presenting a problem of increasing difficulty and danger.

Publication

EMPOWERED by commission from the President of the United States, I have this day entered upon the duties of Civil Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States.

All orders now in effect, issued by my predecessors, shall remain in full force until otherwise directed.

The Government departmental organization and the Governor's staff continue, until further orders, without change.

SUMMER E. W. KITTELLE,
Governor.

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