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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Paris, July 11th.—The report, again printed here this morning, that the statement on reparations which Mr. Baldwin is to make in London tomorrow will include acceptance of the German proposal for an impartial international commission to examine into Germany's capacity for payment, is treated in French official circles as incredible. The argument is once more advanced that no reason exists to supplant the reparation commission by another body beyond that, official circles prefer to keep silence until the British declaration is made.

Dublin, July 11th.—It is expected that the dockers' strike will result almost immediately in the isolation of Ireland. The strike is unofficially fomented by Jim Larkin, the Bolshevik labour agitator, who announced his intention to oppose J. Austin, the official head of the Labour Party, in whatever constituency the latter contests at the coming election. The impossibility of the parties coming to an agreement at the present time is illustrated by the fact that the latest conference broke down within a few minutes of its opening.

Ottawa, July 11th.—There are intimations that out of the proposals which will be put up to Canada at the coming Imperial Conference, as her share of naval defence, will be to furnish the raw material for the construction of the great naval base at Singapore, which is designed to control the sea routes on the Pacific. Such a proposal the Government might find some difficulty in resisting. It would appeal to the steel industries of the East and the lumber industry of

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British Columbia, which would be called on for large quantities of material and a powerful lobby in favour of it might be expected. The Premier has stated very plainly in Parliament, however, that any action he takes at the conference will be subject entirely to the ratification of Parliament.

New York, July 11th.—Because of friction between Canadian investors and United States interests involved in the scheme to develop the Chester concession in Anatolia, the huge enterprise, reported to be worth approximately \$2,000,000,000, may be a failure. This assertion was made today by officials of the Ottoman American development company, which controls the grant. They declared that virtually no progress had been made towards the financing of the project since it was authorized by the Turkish National Assembly on April 30th last, because of internal difficulties. The sum of \$300,000,000 is required for initiation of the enterprise, which under the terms of the grant, must be underway by April 30th, 1925, and to date no bankers or financial groups have been approached to underwrite the concession.

Canania, July 11th.—The party of volcanologists here to study recent disastrous eruptions of Mount Etna, yesterday voted unanimously to name the new hill created by the last outpouring of lava Mount Victor, in honor of the King, and the new created Mussoli, after the Premier.

Washington, June 11th.—The United

States naval hydrographic office yesterday notified shipping lines engaged in the North Atlantic trade that ice no longer constituted a menace to normal summer lanes and that the ships might revert to the usual routes which are considerably shorter than those now being utilized. Coastguard cutters which have been on ice patrol will be withdrawn July 12th.

London, July 13th.—The two days match between the touring West Indian cricket team and the Wiltshire XI was concluded today. Wiltshire was disposed of in their first innings for a total of 110, and going in to bat again for the second innings were all out for 212, the West Indians thus winning the match by an innings and 31 runs. Scores were as follows—Wiltshire first innings. Butler 39, Fuller 10, Newman 0, Sandford 1, Awdry 7, Bankier 0, James 9, Darell 24, Fleming 9, Nash (not out) 6, Lucas 3, extras 8, total 110. Bowling for the West Indians John took four wickets for 43 runs, and Pascall six for 51. Wiltshire second innings. Butler 27, Fuller 13, Newman 2, Sandford 2, Awdry 40, Bankier 69, James 12, Darell 1, Fleming 16, Nash 1, Lucas not out 6, extras 23, total 212. Bowling for the West Indians, John took four wickets for 65 runs and Pascall six for 72. Tomorrow the West Indians will meet Warwickshire at Birmingham in the 17th match of their tour.

Ottawa, July 11th.—An insight into the British navy and the Royal Canadian

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