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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Dusseldorf, July 13th.—French troops today made a surprise raid on Barmen, outside the occupied area, as a punitive measure for the kidnapping on Wednesday of two French soldiers and the sniping, which is alleged to have been carried on by the Germans, against the forces of occupation. Detachments of infantry and cavalry with one tank, a squadron of airplanes circling overhead reached the town at six o'clock this morning and left five hours later with a group of hostages and a number of secret security police documents, seized at the City Hall. The French numbered about six hundred. They encountered no opposition. Heavy artillery had been stationed at the Ruhr frontier trained upon the town and ready for any eventuality. The troops took as hostages the director of the local Reichsbank a security police captain, alleged to have involved in the kidnapping of the French soldiers, the burgomaster, the chief of police and minor officials.

London, July 13th.—The question raised yesterday in the House of Commons by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the opposition leader, and commander Kenworthy, Liberal members for Hull concerning the extent to which the United States was actively concerned in the formation of a new reparation policy by the government, remained unanswered when the Commons rose from its sitting this afternoon. Mr. Baldwin had held out the hope that the interrogations might be answered today. It is generally assumed that the United States will be included among the powers to which drafts of the proposed reply to Germany will be

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communicated, but there is nothing officially known about this phase, nor has anything been disclosed concerning the probable contents of the British reply. Further consideration of the government's pronouncement, made in both Houses yesterday, brought expressions of opinion tonight that it betrayed divided councils in the Cabinet. Although the Premier's statement is regarded as a very short step in advance, it nevertheless is interpreted as a step not unlikely to give France an opportunity to protract Anglo-French negotiations. Universal credit, however, is given the Premier for his tact in avoiding a presentation to France of an excuse to make a sudden break in the negotiations. The Prime Minister will have a strong asset in the full support of both the Liberal and Labour parties in the House in pursuance of his new policy. A meeting

was held in the Commons today at which representatives of the Labour party and executives of the Trades Union Congress fully endorsed his statement, but at the same time deprecated any attempt to create illfeeling with France. The criticism of the Lloyd George section of the Liberal party arises only because the Premier's new policy is not considered strong enough, so that the only section in Parliament likely to oppose the Prime Minister consists of a few strongly pro-French members in both Houses.

Brussels, July 14th.—18 deaths were recorded on Wednesday as the effects of the prevailing hot spell.

Ottawa, July 14th.—Changes in regulations affecting Chinese immigrants have been announced by the Government. Applicants for substitutional cer-

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