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## TELEGRAMS.

### ST. CROIX STATION.

London, Aug. 9th.—One of the most important developments of modern trade unionism in Great Britain is foreshadowed by a manifesto issued by the Transport and General Workers Union and the National Union of Railwaymen which in effect signalizes the commencement of an alliance between the two. This probably will be a revival of the alliance of labour, which came to an end on what is known throughout the trade union world as Black Friday.

Paris, Aug. 9th.—The Belgian Government has decided to take the initiative and directly approach Great Britain and France, if the reparations negotiations among the Allies show no signs of being resumed at an early date, says a Brussels despatch to the Excelsior. Premier Theunis and Foreign Minister Jaspar will come to Paris, the correspondent asserts, to propose that the reparations from Germany, so far as France and Belgium are concerned, be confined to the material damage suffered by these countries and furthermore that Great Britain cancel the inter Allied debts, receiving from Germany for her part the amount of money she owes the United States. On this basis, according to the despatch, Belgian Ministers will suggest that inter Allied pour parlours be started to settle the guarantees to be required from Germany, thus coming within the provisions of the Versailles Treaty.

Dublin, Aug. 9th.—Count Plunket, the noted republican leader who was elected a Republican Deputy from Roscommon, today was released from the military internment camp at County Kildare. He

was arrested last April when he was enroute with Miss MacSweeney to the funeral of Liam Lynch at Clonmel. No other releases were reported.

Cowes, Isle of Wight, August 9th.—Weather conditions were ideal for the third day of the Royal Yacht squadron regatta, a fair westerly breeze holding throughout all events. The chief race for handicap boats of more than 100 tons displacement for towns-people was sailed over a forty mile course. It was a good contest between the Britannia, upon which King George again sailed, the Nyria and the Terpsichore. The latter went ashore when she was well placed and the Nyria won by a three minute margin from the Royal cutter. J. H. Coster's Paula 3rd won by a few seconds in the handicap race for boats under 100 tons from the Andreas and the Candida. The Kelpie won the twelve metre class, with the Vanity second and the Atlanta third. The Selette, a member of the British team which is competing with the United States four for the British-American Cup, won the six metre race, with Jean second and the Capella third.

Berlin, Aug. 9th.—Chancellor Cuno's address to the Reichstag in which he declared that passive resistance was the sole weapon of the Ruhr and the Rhineland and would continue to be supported by the nation, has been received as the most depressing statement yet made to the National Legislature by the present Government. The coalition parties view it as superfluous, in view of the present situation and also regard it as a disappointing utterance. The Chancellor was visibly disconcerted by the boisterous heckling of the communist members.

Ottawa, Aug 9th.—Before the largest crowd that has witnessed a Lacrosse match in Ottawa in years, the touring Oxford Cambridge team went down to defeat before the Ottawa Shamrocks here last night by a score of 14 to 7. The Hon. MacKenzie King faced the ball.

Brussels, Aug. 9th.—Premier Theunis today served notice on all bankers and brokers that if speculation in exchange continued strenuous restrictive measures would be taken, beginning with limitations of exchange transactions and eventually leading if necessary, to the closing of the Bourse. The Premier is of the opinion that the decline in the Belgian franc is unjustified in view of the industrial prosperity of the country, the splendid crops, the favourable budget situation and the diminution of the circula-

tion. All of these factors, he contended, favour a better rate for Belgian money.

## Publication

SECTION 31 of the Ordinance concerning Public Roads in St. Croix, approved July 14, 1923 to take effect from July 1, 1923, reads thus:

"To provide for the maintenance and operation of the road machinery there shall be levied, assessed and collected by the Government from and after July 1, 1923, the following semi-annual fees which shall be payable on January 1st and July 1st respectively:

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| (a) For passenger carrying automobiles not exceeding 2,200 lbs. ....        | Francs 40.00 |
| (b) For passenger carrying automobiles from 2,200 to 3,000 lbs. weight .... | " 50.00      |
| (c) For passenger carrying automobiles above 3,000 lbs. weight. ....        | " 75.00      |
| (d) For Auto Trucks or other freight vehicles under 3,000 lbs. ....         | " 50.00      |
| (e) For Auto Trucks or other freight vehicles above 3,000 lbs. ....         | " 125.00     |
| (f) For Auto Truck Trailers per ton capacity per trailer ....               | " 25.00      |

In default of this tax not being paid it shall be collected in the same manner as provided in the Horse, Carriage and Boat Tax Ordinance.

New licenses issued within the period shall be paid for proportionately."

The taxes due according to the above section for the second half of 1923 became due on July 1, 1923 and will be payable at the Police Offices on September 1, 1923 in the same manner as the Horse, Carriage and Boat Tax.

Tax-lists will be distributed by the Police Department and are required to be correctly filled out and returned to the respective Police Offices 2 days after receipt in the towns and 4 days after receipt in the country.

Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States of America, St. Croix, August 3, 1923.

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