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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Washington, Aug. 23rd.—The treaty of arbitration between the United States and Japan, which had expired by limitation, was renewed for a period of five years without change.

Genova, Aug. 23rd.—A huge water-spout burst upon the coast of the Genoese Riviera today, injuring numerous people and doing much damage. The principal places affected were Sestri, Oneglia, Cornigliano and San Pier D'Arena.

Berlin, Aug. 23rd.—The financial and political situation facing the new German Government must be regarded as well nigh desperate. Dr. Rudolf Hilferding, the Minister of Finance, declared today in addressing the budget committee of the Reichstag. Not only is the Federal Government required to cover its own deficit, he said, but also the deficits of all the Federal states and many of the companies, otherwise the whole administration would break down. He criticised the Reichs Bank for attempting to support the falling mark with insufficient means and complained that private firms were issuing emergency currency without the consent of the Reichs Bank. The payment in execution of the peace treaty increased from 450 billion marks in January, to four trillion in July, Dr. Hilferding asserted, and these would be considerably increased in the present month. The deficit in the operation of the state railways alone, he added, would amount to 450 billion marks. He concluded by declaring it impossible to balance the budget, even with the proposed heavy increase in taxation.

Dublin, Aug. 23rd.—The election campaign, although urged with great vigour, is distinguished by the extraordinary absence of the violence which usually characterizes all Irish elections. This is regarded as eloquent testimony to the changed political conditions, but is also due to the fact that the Republicans now are professing to stand for law and order. Polling day, next Monday, has been proclaimed a public and bank holiday.

Constantinople, Aug. 23rd.—The Turkish Grand National Assembly at Angora today ratified the Lausanne treaty with the Allies. Of the total of 235 votes cast, 215 were in the affirmative.

Ottawa, Aug. 23rd.—Mr. Dandurand, Government leader in the Senate, will be acting Minister of Justice during the absence in Europe of Sir Lomer Gouin, it was announced by the Premier tonight. Mr. Robb Minister of Immigration will be acting Minister of Railways and Canals in the absence of Mr. Graham. Sir Lomer Gouin left Ottawa tonight and will join Mr. Graham at Montreal. They will sail on Saturday and after attending the League of Nations conference at Geneva, will go to London where they will represent Canada at the Imperial Economic Conference.

Moscow, Aug. 23rd.—Foreign Minister Tchitcherin has sent a note to the British Government protesting against the raising of the British flag on Wrangel Island by Stefansson, the explorer. Wrangel was incorporated into Russian territory in the years 1821-24, the note says. In 1910 Russia built lighthouses on the island and undertook other works there and in 1915 formally notified the Allied and neutral Governments that Wrangel, together with the other islands and territories along the coast of Siberia, constituted integral parts of Russian territory. As during the entire intervening period no Government had questioned Russia's claim to the island, the note says, the Soviet Government regards the raising of the flag there as a violation of Russia's sovereignty.

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