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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, April 30th.—An ultimatum to Germany giving her seven days from May first to comply with or refuse the Allied reparations demands being advocated today by the British representatives of the Allied Conference here. The proposal was opposed by the French and the Belgians on the ground that it was unnecessary, as the Germans already had had sufficient time. The French held that the default of Germany in her Treaty obligations calls for immediate military or economic action, and that the note sending should come afterward. It is understood that the Belgian Minister also favours this course.

London, May 1st.—The British and French Govts. have reached an agreement on how to deal with Germany to compel payment of reparations and exact immediate guarantees. In broad outline it is agreed that the Allies will take a declaration tomorrow, but not to Germany. They will announce that the reparations commission will notify Germany as to the amount she is required to pay and how it is to be paid together with the proposed financial control. The Allies will announce that within ten days, this period being subject to possible modification by the Supreme Council tomorrow, they will proceed to carry out the penalties, if the terms are not acceded to. The plan provided for a competitive scheme of supervision and control of Germany's sources of revenue. It is not yet completed but while the experts are still working on it France will proceed with her military preparations for the occupa-

tion of the Ruhr. The French Govt. will tomorrow order the mobilization of one additional class. This is the general result of an agitated day of conversations and conferences that seemed likely to end in sharp disagreement among the Allies. The agreement was brought about by the intervention of the Belgian Minister M. Jaspar at a meeting of the Supreme Council this afternoon. The French Premier asked for British naval co-operation, suggesting the blockade of Hamburg. The British Prime Minister replied that public opinion in the United States would not approve of such a course and he could not agree to a blockade which would bring the Allies into a controversy with the United States. M. Briand agreed to this point of view. He added that the course of the United States had been absolutely correct.

Paris, May 1st.—The Reparations Commission today made public its note to the German war burdens commission on reparations. The communication which is dated May first informs the German Commission of the intention of the reparations commission to establish within the shortest time possible the amount of damages for which Germany owes reparations under article 233 of the Treaty of Versailles. Meanwhile without prejudice to the forgoing accounting, the reparations commission notifies the war burdens commission that twelve billion marks in gold are due today. The note is signed by M. Dubois, President of the reparations commission and M. Delacroix, ex-Premier of Belgium. Under article 233 of the Versailles treaty, the reparations commission was empowered to set the amount of damages suffered by the Allies through the war, for which compensation must be made by Germany. The Article stipulated that the Commission should, on or before May first 1921 notify the German Govt. the extent of that Govt's. obligations.

Berlin, May 1st.—The German Govt. does not propose to get into touch with the London Conferences while awaiting President Harding's answer to the German proposals. This declaration was made today by a member of the Govt. who in discussing the rumour that a suggestion was coming from the Entente that Germany present fresh counter-proposals direct to the Supreme Council at London said, "So long as the door at Washington is open, we do not propose to knock at other doors."

Riga, May 1st.—A wireless message from Moscow today announces the withdrawal of the British from Persia. A Russian diplomatic mission has arrived in Teheran, the Persian capital.

New York, April 30th.—The raw sugar market was steadier today but there was no business reported and prices were unchanged at 3½ for Cubas C. And F equal to 4.89 for centrifugal, with uncontrolled sugar quoted at 4.77. The market for refined was steady and unchanged at 6.50 to 6.60 for fine granulate. Futures were quiet but the undertone steadier and closing prices unchanged to 6 points net higher on covering, owing to fears of a marine strike closing bids. May 3.82, July 3.96, September 4.00 and December 384, all bid.

San Juan, P. R., May 1st.—A fire last night in Puerta de Tierra destroyed Finlay Brothers Sawmill and Lumber Yard and about a hundred houses. A large area has been wiped out. Estimated damage not yet announced.

Publication

TO ALL CORPORATIONS,
(Foreign and Domestic.)

YOUR attention is called to Title II, Chapter 32, (page 90) of the Code of Laws approved 26th June 1920 and now in force in the Municipality of St. Croix.

In consequence of the above-mentioned law, it is directed that a representative of each corporation doing business in the island of St. Croix communicate with the office of the Despatching Secretary on or before 30 June 1921.

Your special attention is directed to Section 5 of the above-mentioned Chapter.

Despatching Secretary's Office, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, 3 May 1921.

C. W. FOX.

Despatching Secretary.

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