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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, May 2nd. The House of Commons this evening adopted all the budget resolutions. In the course of the debate, free trade members tried hard to get the Govt. to remove the war duties of seven pence on tea and the one third ad valorem duty on motor cars, clocks, watches, and musical instruments. The ground taken by the free traders was that the duties were imposed in order to effect economy in tonnage and discourage spending money for luxuries and that this no longer was necessary. The Govt. resisted all the appeals, contending there was urgent for revenue and that it still was advisable to prevent expenditures for luxuries. All amendments proposing the removal of the duties were rejected.

Washington, May 2nd.—The German Reparations Counter Proposals are unacceptable as a basis for discussion, Secretary Hughes informed Dr. Simons the German Foreign Minister, in a note tonight. The Secretary at the same time urged the German Govt. to make further proposals direct to the Allied Govts. He again expressed the urgent desire of the American Govt. for a prompt settlement of this vital question.

Dublin, May 2nd.—Announcement was made today by Mr. Farrell, former Lord Mayor of Dublin, that a peace offer was to be made to the Irish Republican Parliament. Mr. Farrell said his informant was Mr. Walter Forrest, member of Parliament for Pontefract Yorkshire, who, on the authority of the Irish Office, declared the British Govt. was prepared to grant

Dominion Home Rule in Ireland, subject to Great Britain retaining control over the Army and Navy, the movement in Ireland indicates her will to accept it.

London, May 2nd.—The Communist of England said a Press Association statement today, had a definite plan to utilize the coal crisis to foment a revolution, but the plan was frustrated by the authorities after tons of inflammatory leaflets had been circulated.

Washington, May 2nd.—Unless Panama acts voluntarily within a "reasonable time", the United States will take measures to compel her to transfer jurisdiction of the dispute Coto Territory to Costa Rica, Secretary Hughes said in a note to the Panama Govt. The text of the document was made public today at the State Dept.

London, May 2nd.—Rear Admiral Henry Montagu Doughty died on Sunday. He served in command of the battleship Royal Sovereign in the first battle squadron. Before the war he was captain of the Gunnery School at Devonport.

San Juan, May 3rd.—The Loss in the Puerta-De-Tierra fire on Sunday morning is estimated at over a million dollars.

London, May 2nd.—Germany will have until May 12th. to accept the ultimatum of the Allies respecting payment of reparations and guarantees, binding her to fulfil her obligations, otherwise the Ruhr district will be occupied by Allied troops. The Supreme Council today decided upon such action to be taken against Germany, should she fail to accept, but a decision was not reached on the nature of the guarantees she will be required to give. The preamble of the agreement will argue that Germany, having failed to fulfil the treaty of Versailles with respect to reparations, disarmament and punishment of the war criminals, and having violated various other articles of the treaty, which will be cited by number, the Allied governments have decided to occupy the Ruhr. In this event, British and Belgian forces on the Rhine will join with the French in their march into the district. Orders for the mobilization of the class 1919 were despatched to Paris tonight. A joint Anglo-French naval council has been called to meet in London tomorrow, in which Admiral Beatty for the British, and Admiral Grassie for the French will participate. The French Admiral was summoned to London tonight. The reparations com-

mission will notify Germany within four days of the sums payable, and the conditions of payment. Germany's reply must be acceptable without reservations or discussion. If such affirmative reply is not received by the evening of 12th. May the occupation will begin without further noticed. The questions of guarantees is a perplexing one. The council was engaged for four hours in trying to harmonize the views on the precise form of guarantees which will include the establishment of a commission of debt on the same general lines as the Turkish control. This commission will be charged with observation of the German revenues. The Allies will also ask for participation in the profits of German industry. The results of today's meeting are regarded by the French delegates as measurably satisfactory. They would rather have occupied the Ruhr, and then informed Germany of the Allies minimum requirements, but in deference to Mr. Lloyd George's conviction that British public opinion would not willingly support occupation until Germany has been given another chance, M. Briand yielded the point to which the French people and Parliament attach great importance. But the probably attained British naval cooperation to the extent of a demonstration before Hamburg, though not an actual blockade.

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.