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TELEGRAM.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Berlin, March 22nd.—Germany's reply to the demand of the Entente for payment before March 23rd of one billion marks gold, to apply on reparations obligations, will be in the negative, it was unofficially stated today. The German Govts. answer to the Allies, now being drafted, will be presented within the 48 hours time limit set, which expires on Wednesday.

Washington, March 22nd.—Major General Wood will retire from active service in the United States army to become the head of Pennsylvania University after he returns from the Philippines it was announced today at the War Department.

London, March 22nd.—Defending the Govt's trade agreements with Russia, Mr. Lloyd George declared the House of Commons today that a complete change was evident in the attitude of the Bolshevik Govt. toward what is called capitalism. "Indeed" he said, "some of Lenin's speeches might very well have been delivered by Mr. Churchill himself. The Russian Soviet premier was beginning to realize that trade was essential." Mr. Lloyd George continued that locomotives cannot be patched up with theories and that the original Soviet theories are unworkable. The agreement, said the Premier, was purely a trade agreement recognizing the defacto govt. of Russia, not a treaty of peace. Claims against Russia, with respect to loans or injuries to nationals had been reserved for discussion when there would be a general settlement. In the meantime all claims were amply safeguarded. He ridiculed the idea that the

trading community was opposed to the agreement and asserted that every prediction about Bolshevism coming to an end had failed of realization. The Bolsheviks were in complete control in east Russia as any Government could be under present circumstances.

London, March 22nd.—The Russian Soviet Government has appealed to Mr. Harding and the United States Govt. to resume trade relations with Russia, says a wireless despatch from Moscow today. The Soviet Govt. proposes to send a delegation to the United States to negotiate the agreement, the message adds.

Cincinnati, March 22nd.—A series of explosions that shook houses within a radius of two miles and the hurling of sky rockets, bombs, and other pyrotechnics over a wide area, marked a fire play which virtually destroyed the plant of the A. L. Due fireworks Company at Reading, a suburb. The plant covered seven acres and comprised 85 houses. At 1.30 p. m. 50 of the houses were destroyed and it did not seem possible to save the remainder. Among the larger buildings destroyed were six warehouses, six charging houses where the pyrotechnics were filled with explosives, and six supply houses. Two employees were injured, but only slightly.

Washington, March 22nd.—A general survey of foreign relations occupied the attention of the president and his cabinet during most of a two hours session. The Secretary of State presented a long summary of the general foreign situation and there was a general round table discussion of various phases. It is understood that the European situation touched upon only as a part of the general matter and no specific questions involving the League of Nations, or other European connections, were decided. Such questions as the restoration of relations with other nations after the disturbances of the war the problem presented by the creation of the nations in war settlement and pan-American relations occupied a large place.

London, March 22nd.—The League of Nations today issued the text of the mandates for the administration of the Samoa Islands by New Zealand, of Nauru, or Pleasant Island, in the Pacific, a short distance south of the equator, by Great Britain, of German South West Africa by the Union of South Africa and of the former German possessions in the Pacific south of

the equator, other than Samoa and Nauru, by Australia in accordance with the moral terms of the terms of these mandates. The terms provides for the promotion of material and wellbeing of the inhabitants of the territories, prohibition of slave trading and the prohibition of forced labour, except for essential public works, for which adequate remuneration is to be paid. Traffic in arms and ammunition is to be controlled. The supplying of intoxicating spirits and beverages to natives is prohibited. Military training of natives is prohibited, except for police and local force defence. No military or naval base shall be established or fortifications erected. Free exercise of all forms of worship shall be allowed and missionaries and nationals of states, members of the League of Nations, shall be permitted to travel and reside in the territories and follow their callings. The consent of the Council of the League is required to any modifications of the terms of the League agreement. If any dispute shall arise between a mandatory and another member of the League regarding the mandate, it shall not be capable of settlement by negotiation, but instead the dispute must be submitted to the permanent court of international justice of the League.

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