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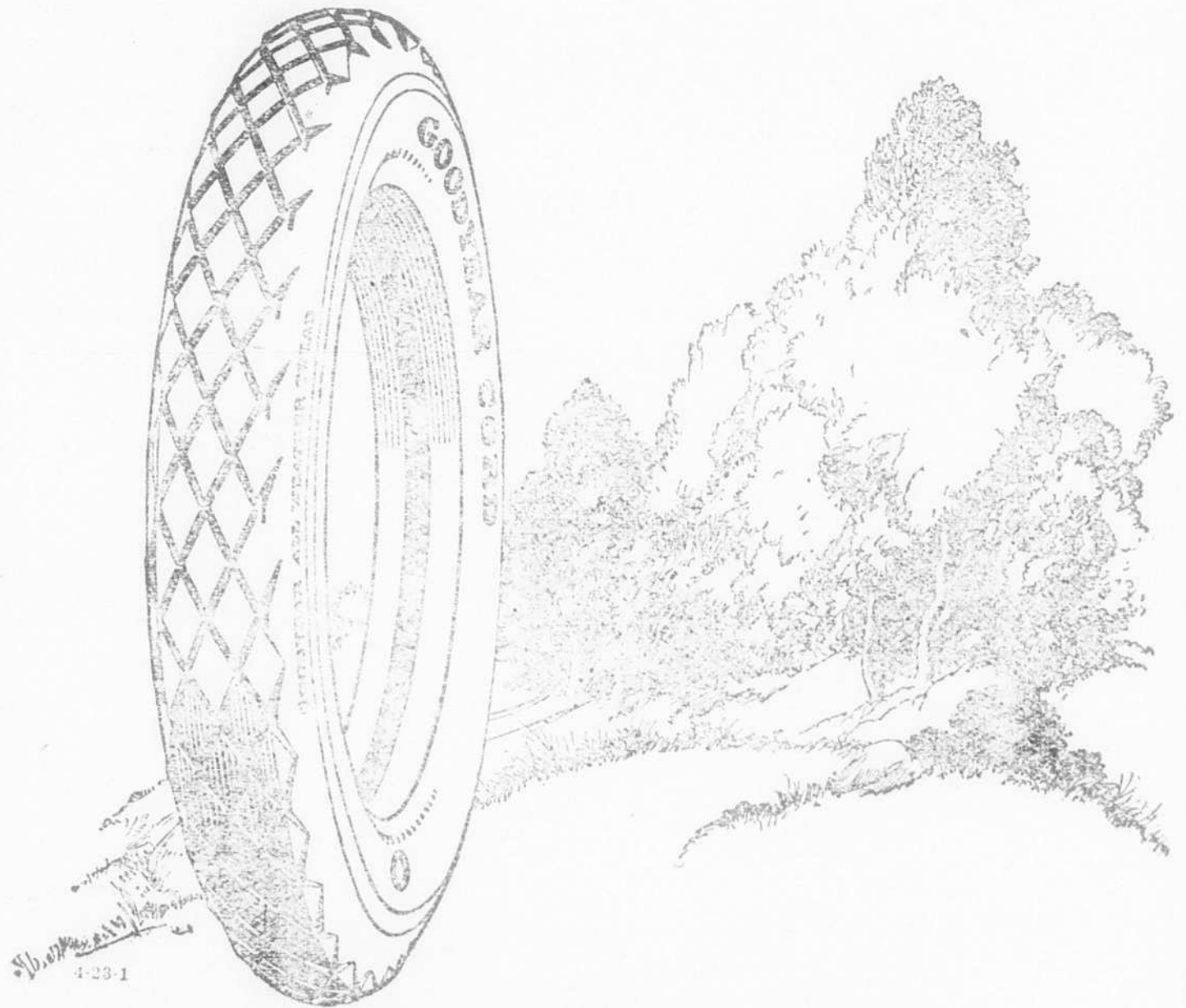
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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, Feb. 18 a. —Great Britain awoke this morning to the reality of the dock strike when certain morning newspapers apologized for their reduced size on the plea that the reduction was made in order to conserve paper. The confident announcement is made this morning in semi-official circles that there will not be any shortage of foodstuffs for some days to come, and this, it is expected, will check any widespread movement to hoard, although shop keepers are already refusing to sell large quantities of staples. Meat prices, however, are already slightly advanced in some district and these are likely to show the first general increase of foods before the end of the present week. With the exception of the little group that believes that all Labour troubles in Great Britain originate and are directed from Moscow, there is little perturbation over the strike, and looks as if there was a large body of public opinion that is in sympathy with the efforts of the dockers to obtain concessions, remembering the revelations with regard to living conditions of a similar class of workers that were made during the inquiry which resulted in Lord Shaw's report. There is a general feeling of confidence that the Labour Government will not allow a real crisis to arise. Mr. Macdonald's direct intervention through the appointment of a court of inquiry, is expected today. It is pointed out that during the next few weeks there will be less than the normal amount

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