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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, June 18th.—The Coalition Government having proposed to make the sessional indemnities of members of Parliament exempt from income tax, and thereby caused a stir in the country, the inland revenue department has come forward with a proposition, which it is hoped, will throw oil on the troubled waters. This department advances the theory that Parliamentary salaries are expenses, and should therefore be taxed it also suggests that the members be allowed to claim repayment of taxes paid on their indemnities for the past three years, whether the Government will accept the principle that a salary is an expense, remains to be seen, for it seems that this view might become too popular with the general taxpayer.

Demerara, June 18th.—His Excellency the Governor Sir W. Collet leaves today by S. S. Songster for England. The Colonial Secretary Mr. C. Clementi will act as officer administering the Govt. during the Governor's absence.

Grenada, June 20th. The Hon. E. D. Laborde, I. S. L. O., who had been selected to act as Administrator of St. Lucia during the absence on leave of Lieut. Col. Davidson Houston, left for the Colony yesterday by H. M. S. Chaleur. The Hon. H. W. Sharpe will act as treasurer of Grenada.

London, June 18th.—The fact that 950 men from this country, mostly ex-service men, who went to Australia recently and were compelled to return to the old country, was the subject of a discussion in the Parliament at Melbourne and the view was freely expressed that in the

face of this exodus it was useless and unwise for the commonwealth to try and attract immigrants at the present time. The Sydney correspondent of the London "Telegraph" says the statements made caused much surprise. While it was doubtless true that some immigrants were finding it difficult to obtain work, owing to the slump in certain trades, it was untrue that large numbers were returning to the old country, the correspondent adds.

Paris, June 19th.—Great Britain, France and Italy have again appealed to Greece to postpone her offensive and accept their mediation in an effort to forestall war in Asia Minor. This is the outcome of a two days conference between M. Briand and Lord Curzon, which ended this evening with the despatch of a note to King Constantine, asking for immediate reply whether Greece was willing to let her Allies settle the Turkish question. If a favourable answer is received it is probable Greece will be asked to state the terms upon which she is willing to make peace and the Turkish nationalists will then be approached. M. Briand and Lord Curzon devoted part of this afternoon to the subject of Upper Silesia. They decided to ask the high commissioner for a unanimous report of the disposition of the territory, failing this experts will be sent to make equitable distribution and and stern measures will be taken against the Poles and Germans, if either or both refuse to accept the Allies decisions. Lord Curzon pressed off for a settlement of the Turkish question today, but M. Briand would not commit France one way or the other. He pointed out that consent of the Greeks and the Turks to mediation was the first thing necessary and a plan of procedure would then follow. The British plan involves the withdrawal of the Greek forces from all Smyrna and the restriction of Turkish sovereignty over this territory and international police forces to guarantee protection of the minorities. The Ministers failed to agree on Thrace. Lord Curzon advocating maintenance of the Treaty of Sevres, while M. Briand favoured substitution of the Rosmidiah line for the original line. It was decided that no settlement could be determined until the Turks and Greeks agree to mediation. The Italian Government replied favourably this afternoon to a note sent to the Italian representatives asking Italy's consent to the forwarding of the Greek note.

Berlin, June 20th.—Thousands of unemployed workmen today entered the labour union assembly and demanded that all workmen who had steady employments should give up their jobs in order that the idle workmen might be employed. The President of the Labour Union Assembly was badly beaten with black jacks and left bleeding on the floor. The fight spread until 500 persons were embroiled, using fists, chairs, and sticks. Repeated alarms brought several hundred police to the scene who cleared the building after the uproar had continued for two hours. The injured president was taken to a nearby restaurant, the doors of which were locked. The unemployed demonstrators, however attacked this building, broke in the doors and windows and demolished the furniture. The president was taken out by the back way and hurried to a place of security. A rumor that the president had died, although it was officially denied by the police, added to the excitement. The trouble began while the labour union council was in session. The unemployed were holding a demonstration outside the building and sent delegates into the hall to lay their demands before the council. Immediately these were made the council broke up its session and fighting began.

London, June 21st.—The King and Queen prepared today to leave for a port on the Irish Sea where they will tonight go aboard a steamer which will take them to Belfast in which city they will preside tomorrow at the state opening of the Parliament of Northern Ireland. The Royal steamer will be escorted by two light cruisers and ten destroyers on the trip across the Irish Sea.

London, June 21st.—The Athens correspondent of the "Daily Mail" says he is informed regarding the Allied note, that Greece considers that military operations constitute the only drastic and swift means of bringing peace in the near east. The Greek Govt, therefore is determined not to accept any proposals delaying imminent military action.

The Salvation Army

MAJOR N. I. JOY would be glad to know anything about one PETER CHRISTIANSEN born in St. Croix 1850. He lived in the Country some time and also lived in Judge House, Old Market, Christiansted.

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