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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Dublin, May 2nd.—Mike McTigue, the world's light-heavyweight champion, matched to meet George Carpentier in New York on July 4th, will sail for the United States on the liner Berengaria on Saturday May 5th, it was announced today.

Paris, May 2nd.—Battling Siki has accepted Carpentier's recent challenge for a return bout.

Ottawa, May 2nd.—Canada's new trade treaty with Italy passed through the committee stage in the House today and stands over for the third reading. The treaty provides in brief that each country shall grant most favoured nation treatment to the productions of the other. "Whatever we grant to any other foreign country, she must grant to us". That is the whole story of the treaty explained Mr. Fielding, Minister of Finance.

London, May 2nd.—The significance of the new note which Germany has handed to the entente Governments, it is considered here, lies in its intrinsic merits than in the fact that Lord Curzon has succeeded in overcoming the apparent deadlock into which the Ruhr problem had fallen and induced the German Govt to take the initiative in an attempt to reopen the negotiations. On its financial side the note is little more than a repetition of the German offer, which France previously rejected, and little hope is entertained in Great Britain that the present German proposals will meet a better fate. The fact that the note sets forth, as essential to the negotiations, that "the status quo must

be restored within the shortest time" and in essence proposes to make the question, as between France and Germany a world question seems to rule out any acquiescence from the present French Government, although Germany has abandoned her earlier standpoint that evacuation of the occupied territories must precede any negotiations. The note leaves many difficulties ahead, one particularly, being the stipulation that Germany's undertaking to pay what France will consider a totally inadequate amount, thirty billion gold marks, will depend upon the stabilization of Germany's currency permanently. Looking at all previous experience, this would seem to be an almost impossible condition. France has always objected to reference to any outside body, such as Secretary Hughes proposed, of the question of the fixation of Germany's total reparations, and it is doubtful that she will view the proposals more leniently now. The impression here, however, is that despite all these difficulties and recalling M. Loucheur's visit to Great Britain and his talk with British Statesmen, a great point has been gained in inducing the Berlin Government to take the first step, first to renew negotiations, and second to enlist the sympathy and interests of the whole world in an endeavour to find an issue from the present impasse.

London, May 3rd.—After a seven days enquiry, Justices Avery and Sankey have declared the election of the National Liberal, Captain Philipson, member for Berwick, void, holding that his agent made false and illegal returns, that corrupt practice had been established and that Philipson's agent committed per-

jury. The court is still considering Philipson's application for relief on the ground that his agent acted without his sanction or connivance. Philipson had a majority of 4,579 over the Independent Liberal, the Hon. W. Runciman, in the general election.

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