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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, May 27th.—The Premier initiated another attempt this morning to end the coal stoppage, when he addressed a delegation of mine owners and the Executive body of the Union, urging the necessity of an early resumption of work because of the country's alarming increase in unemployment, and the general slowing down of all industries. It has been eight weeks since work in the mines ceased. Mr. Lloyd George repeated the Govt's offer to grant ten million pounds to tide the coal industry over the period, during which permanent settlement shall be negotiated, but warned the conference there was no chance of increasing the amount. He added, "We shall not put a single Treasury note on the table until we know that the terms of a permanent peace are agreed on". Mr. Lloyd George strongly urged on both sides, that unless they could see an immediate prospect of agreeing as to figures they should agree as to the machinery for settling the figures. He declared that the feature of the stoppage that impressed him most, was the curious apathy which has affected the whole community and the reluctance to settle the dispute. I have never seen a great stoppage where less pressure was brought on the Govt. to settle it, the Prime Minister said. The miners are reluctant, not so much to give a reduction in wages but to go and tell their men the real situation. The mine owners are not eager to begin work when they know it is beginning at a loss, and the first man they have

to face, is their banker. At the conclusion of Mr. Lloyd George's statement, the conference adjourned, the Prime Minister inviting the miners executive to confer with him at 3.30 o'clock this afternoon, and the owners asked to see him at six o'clock. During the course of his talk to the Miners Executive and the coal owners this morning, the Prime Minister said the general community says it does not matter so much now that orders are coming in. We have good we should be glad to get rid of we are running our mill and factories at a loss and we have passed from tropical luxuriance which trade and industry enjoyed, to a winter and frost in industry. With the community, the attitude is rather to go on as we are, unless we get a real settlement. Mr. Lloyd George defined a real settlement as one ensuring against periodical stoppages and one enabling manufacturers to compete on the world's markets. He pleaded not for an agreement merely for a machine to confer, but a machine that will settle, a machine that will have the right to determine in the end, if there is a failure to agree. You might have a fixed time limit in which the parties should confer and if they agree during that period, there would be no need of anything further. The Prime Minister said he had a suggestion that would make up the time if there should be failure by such a body to reach an agreement. He asserted the Govt. was sternly impartial between the two parties, in the hope that the disastrous and costly struggle, which if prolonged, may imperil the industrial existence of the country, shall be brought to an end.

New York, May 27th.—The "Herald" this morning prints an editorial calling for Anglo-American unity, and particularly for co-operation between the United States and the British Dominions. "Despite certain vociferous anti-English elements in this country, close co-operation between the English speaking people would go far toward insuring peace. Although commercial rivalries continue and the Irish problem remains unsettled, there are enough links between America and Australia, Canada and New Zealand to make it possible to work together in the interests of mankind. Founded on self interest and fortified by a common understanding of similar traditions and ideals, such an association would do much to stabilize a troubled world."

Capetown, May 28th.—General Smuts, Premier of the Union of South Africa,

accompanied by a large party, which included several Cabinet colleagues, sailed yesterday for London to attend the Dominica Conference. The Premier was accorded a great ovation on his departure.

London, May 26th.—First test match Australia vs. England at Nottingham today. England first innings 112. Holmes 30, Douglas 11, Woolley 20, Rhodes 10, Australia 167, for six wickets. Collins 17, Mac Cartney 20, Hardsley 66. Bowling, Gregory 7 for 58, Mac Donald 3 for 42.

New York, May 26th.—Some buying interest on the basis of 5.02c. duty paid, for Cuba's was manifested at the opening of the raw sugar market yesterday, and was sustained during the morning. Little sugar seemed to be available, however, and the only business reported prior to one o'clock, was a sale of 7,000 of Porto Rico's for June shipment, to the "American" at 5.02c. cif.

Paris, May 28th. The first real payment of the German reparations account was announced from Berlin yesterday.

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