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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, June 23rd. The Prince of Wales, who is today celebrating his 27th birthday, was overwhelmed with letters and telegrams of congratulation from people in every station of life, especially children. The mail from Canada which arrived here yesterday brought a large number of cards and messages from hundreds of friends made during his visit in 1919. Many of the letters were from children addressed to "our Prince" and other intimate appellations. The Prince left this morning by motor car for Epping Forest, reaching the outskirts of the forest at 10 o'clock. There he was greeted by thousands of poor children, largely gathered from White-Chapel, Mile End and the poorer districts of the East End of London. The nucleus of the gathering was organized by Sir Arthur Pearson as the first summer outing of the Fresh Air Fund. The Prince was accompanied on his journey by Sir Godfrey Thomas, who acted as private secretary during the Prince's visit to Canada. After his arrival the children were all drawn up informally and the Prince in a happy speech told his audience how glad he was to be with them on his birthday. Refreshments were served. This afternoon the Prince will take part in the children games. Owing to the fact that the King has only just returned from his visit to Ireland, the usual birthday dinner at Buckingham Palace probably will be dispensed with, or at least will be purely a family gathering.

London, June 23rd.—The Bank of England sprang a surprise upon the money market today reducing its rate of discount to six percent, just as the banks were making up their half yearly ac-

counts. This will necessitate a great deal of extra work in altering the rates of interest and it was expected that today the deposit rates would be lower. It had been thought that the bank of England would abstain from any reduction in the rate pending the settlement of the labour troubles and it is believed the chief reason for the decision to lower the rate was the necessity that the treasury be able to borrow money more cheaply.

London, June 23rd.—In all the coal fields where miners have returned to work they are being subjected to intimidation by the strikers. So far there has not been much actual violence but the fear of it is preventing the reopening of many pits. In Scotland soldiers are protecting the miners working in the few collieries, which have resumed operations. The miners leaders will assemble in London tomorrow to prepare for the conference of representatives of unions threatened with wage reductions which has been called for Saturday. At this Conference the miners will press for a general strike involving 5,000,000 additional men, but it is generally believed their plans will prove abortive. A leading member of the important Nottinghamshire branch of the federation publicly declared last night that all the suffering which the strike had imposed could be laid at the door of an element among the Welsh miners, who were out to wreck the capitalist system. This wrecking element, he said, had first adopted the canny policy and now wanted to dip into the midland miners tin. They should produce coal and not try to exploit others, he added. The same speaker gave an example of the financial results of the strike, saying that the Nottinghamshire miners had not only exhausted all their funds amounting to £250,000, but were £100,000 in debt. As indicating the effect of the strike upon the iron trades, a prominent iron master points out, that for the first time in several generations, not a single blast furnace is operating in a district where usually 300 are always at work. The Clyde shipyard workers have accepted a reduction in wages of 6/9 per week.

New York, June 23rd.—There was no change in the raw sugar market this morning.

London, June 23rd.—Speaking tonight in the House of Commons, Mr. Lloyd George said that from signs observed and information received, he expects there would shortly be a substantial

trade boom. The British Govt. has agreed to compound its last liabilities to farmers, under the agriculture act, by the payment of three pounds sterling per acre in respect to the oat crop and £4 per acre in respect to the wheat crop. Proceedings in the House of Commons tonight afforded a test of the reality of the so-called revolt against Mr. Lloyd George. On the vote on cabinet offices, occasion was taken to discuss Dr. Christopher Addison's position as minister without portfolio, whose £5,000 salary is supposed to be one of the main grounds of the protest by memorialists against waste. There was certainly some criticism, but no evidence of organized revolt. The Gov. was never in danger. Mr. Lloyd George however, while defending the appointment of Dr. Addison, announced that it would be discontinued.

NOTICE

AS I will be detached from duty in St. Croix on or about 15th July 1921, it is requested that all who have charges against me personally, or against the office of the Despatching Secretary, render their bills in full on or before 15th July 1921 that they may be settled prior to my detachment.

C. W. FOX,
Despatching Secretary.

NOTICE.

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Municipal Telephone System, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, June 23, 1921.

H. BERG, Manager.