

ing prevented from working as a consequence of the trouble. Two of the mines affected are Stianes properties, one is a Prussian state mine and the remainder belong to smaller companies. At a meeting of 6,000 Communist in Dortmund last evening speakers declared the Communist organization was prepared to fight to a finish in the struggle for increased wages. They declared that although the German Government and the German industrialists were spending money like water in passive resistance to the French, they had refused to meet the recent rapid rise in food prices.

Lausanne, May 22nd.—If Turkey insists on war to settle the question of the indemnity she claims is due from Greece, then Greece will accept the game of battle, M. Alexandris, the Greek Foreign Minister, told the foreign correspondents tonight. "The Greek delegates" he added, "will be withdrawn from the Near East conference this week, if Turkey persists in her reparation demands. The Turks have given no indication of an intention to recede from their reparations demands and M. Alexandris' declaration that Greece was resolved not to pay one cent of indemnity brought increased pessimism. The Greek Foreign Minister denied that he had come to Lausanne in a bellicose mood, but said the Greek army had been re-organized since the overthrow of Constantinople and was now well equipped and armed and able to take care of itself. M. Alexandris added that he would like people to realize Greece's position, especially that although Greece had numerous provocations which would reasonably justify her in re-opening the war with Turkey, she had ignored them all, because she was sincerely desirous of peace. With reference to possible war, M. Alexandris said "Turkey seems to feel that Greece was beaten in the war and therefore owes an indemnity, but this is a grave error, as Greece was merely beaten in battle in Asia Minor and hostilities were suspended by an armistice which Greece is trying to transform into peace, but if the Turks propose to resume the war to obtain an indemnity, then Greece accepts the challenge. My Government has determined to retire from the conference next Wednesday or Thursday, when the indemnity question comes up in a plenary session, if Turkey insists upon an unjust position, or any effort is made to force Greece to accept this position". M. Alexandris repeated the Greek contention that Turkey and Greece should mutually renounce reparations as the only possible solution. The second month of the second conference will open tomorrow in a troubled atmosphere, with none of the great issues settled.

London, May 21st.—No move has yet been made today in the direction of filling the vacant premiership and the name of Mr. Bonar Law's successor is still a mat-

ter of speculation. As parliament is not sitting, there is no immediate hurry to fill the vacancy and His Majesty is in communication through intermediaries with those statesmen he desires to consult, before he returns to London for personal consultations. The task facing His Majesty is no easy one, for there is no outstanding figure to whom all could point as the inevitable nominee, while the Conservative Party itself is completely divided on the subject. If Marquis Curzon seems to be indicated as the most appropriate nominee, Mr. Stanley Baldwin also has a very strong following among his party. These two are still chiefly talked of as the most likely successors, but it may possibly turn out that their rival claims are so well balanced that the solution may ultimately be found in some compromise third candidate.

Paris, May 21st.—M. Poincare, joining with the other members of the Government and with the press of France, in the regret felt over the resignation of Mr. Bonar Law, sent the former Prime Minister today a message voicing the general sentiments "France", telegraphed the Premier, deeply regrets the determination which your state of health obliged you to take. She does not forget that you have contributed with all your strength to the maintenance intact of an alliance necessary for the tranquility of the world. In spite of the differences in method followed by our two countries in the execution of the treaty of Versailles, she will remain grateful to you for having understood our will that reparations be paid and for having so loyally recognized our pacific intentions. I send you my warmest personal wishes for a prompt and complete recovery.

Athens, May 22nd.—Turkish troops are reported to have blown up the bridge over the Maritza river, connecting Adrianople and Karagach. The news has caused consternation here.

London, May 22nd.—"Mr. Bonar Law had a very good night. His condition is unchanged. No further bulletins will be issued at present". This statement was issued after the former Premier's physicians had visited him this morning. Mr. Bonar Law has written a letter to the Glasgow Unionists in which he says he desires to continue as a member of the House of Commons. He presumes there is no objection to his remaining as the member for Glasgow Central Division for the present, although, he adds, it is very unlikely he will be able to attend this session of Parliament.

London, May 21st.—The First Battle Squadron and Destroyer Flotilla of the Atlantic Fleet arrived at Belfast yesterday. Earl Beatty, Admiral of the Fleet, and Countess Beatty will be the guests of Lord Londonderry, Minister of Education for Northern Ireland, during their stay in Belfast. The festivities in honour of the visit have been arranged on an elaborate scale. The citizens, in view

of the unchanged conditions in Ireland, are determined to make the visiting seamen thoroughly at home in the waters of Northern Ireland.

London, May 21st.—A British group, known as the Eastern General Syndicate, has obtained from the Sultan of Nejd, a concession of forty thousand miles of territory in the Haza Province, according to a Bagdad despatch to the "Times". The concession covers 800 miles of coast on the Persian Gulf, which is believed to be a rich oilfield, a counterpart of the Abadan region on the Persian side of the head of the gulf. The "Times" correspondent at Basra says he understands the contract gives the Sultan one fifth of the profits, and, if, the area proves a rich one, the Sultan proposes to use the revenue in organizing Haza as a separate province from Nejd, with British help. The correspondent adds that the oil revenue would supersede the present subsidy of 5,000 pounds monthly which the British pay the Sultan.

Halifax, N. S., May 22nd.—Mrs. Wm. Stewart and M. B. Murray are here from Toronto for the purpose of organizing a diamond hunting expedition up the Essequibo river, to the interior of British Guiana, where, according to Mr. Stewart, who spent 3 years in that country, natives are finding diamonds of untold value. Their plans, as outlined by Mr. Stewart, are to take 12 men and a 30 foot motor boat with which they will ship on the R. M. S. P. "Chaleur", which sails from here on Friday for Demerara. From there they will set out in their small craft with a tributary of the Essequibo river as their destination. They are making the journey in the interests of a Canadian Corporation.

New York, May 22nd.—Another sharp break in German marks in the local market today sent them down to .0018½ cents or more than 56,000 to the United States dollar. This represents a drop of two points below the previous extreme low for all time established last Saturday. German note circulation, as revealed in the latest Reichsbank statement, is now around several trillion paper marks. Sixty million gold marks, equivalent to slightly less than \$15,000,000, is in route to this country from Germany.

London, May 22nd.—Mr. Winston Churchill's early return to the political arena is being speculated upon. It is said if a vacancy should occur in a Welsh seat, he would offer himself as a Liberal Candidate for the seat but there is no immediate prospect of such a vacancy occurring.

London, May 22nd.—The death is announced of Mr. Herbert Weston Sparkes, Conservative member of the House of Commons for the Tiverton division of Devonshire.

London, May 22nd.—It is believed that Mr. T. P. O'Connor M. P., will be created a Privy Councillor in connection with the King's birthday honours.