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TELEGRAM.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, April 10th.—An agreement was reached last night by the striking coal miners and the mine owners for a conference for the purpose of endeavouring to settle the strike. The Executive body of the miners has instructed the miners to refrain from any action endangering the mines. Mr Frank Hodges, Secretary of the Miners Union, said the conference with mine owners had been arranged without conditions being stipulated. Today was a day of relaxation from the tension created from the coal strike and the possibility of a general industrial tie up, and gave the cabinet Ministers and labour leaders an opportunity to get into the country for a rest.

Paris, April 10th.—France defeated Ireland in an international rugby football game yesterday. The score was 20 to 10.

Washington, April 10th.—The New Republican Administration will get under full headway, when the sixty seventh United States Congress at noon, for the extraordinary session called a few weeks ago by President Harding. The programme tomorrow is expected to be limited to the usual opening formalities, including the adoption of a resolution providing a joint session on Tuesday to hear the President's address on organization work. Committee's of leaders will also be appointed tomorrow, to notify the President of the assembling of Congress. Domestic needs, including tariff and tax revision, are expected to be emphasized by President Harding on Tuesday, but he also is said to be planning a considerable discussion

of international questions. Republicans prominent in Congress, received reports tonight that he would state with considerable definiteness his attitude toward the proposal to establish peace with Germany by congressional action. The first legislation achievement promises to be the enactment of the emergency tariff bill voted at the last session by Mr Wilson. This is to be introduced in the House tomorrow and reported during the day or on Tuesday. The Republicans will start upon the new session with commanding majorities in both Senate and House. In the upper body there will be 52 Republicans, as against 37 Democrats, and in the House 300 Republicans to 132 Democrats.

London, April 9th.—In an international Soccer Game between Wales and Ireland today the former won by 2-1.

Miami Fla, April 11th.—A protest has been lodged with Great Britain against alleged liquor traffic at Bimini in the Bahama Islands as an unfriendly act. Mr. William Jennings Bryan said in an address here yesterday. Because of the proximity of the islands to the United States coast, he said development of such a traffic amounted to "Hatching Conspiracies against the laws made by a friendly Govt. for the protection of our people."

London April 11th.—British Mine owners and their striking employees conferred for an hour at the Board of Trade this morning on a possible settlement of the controversy which led to the miners walk out last week. The conference adjourned at noon until four o'clock this afternoon. Sir Robert Horne presided. Mr Lloyd George made the suggestion during the conference that the owners give a full presentation of their case stating the reason why they consider the wage reduction justified, after which the miners counter claims should be fully presented. He proposed that the miners then delegate six representatives to meet six representatives of the mineowners, with or without Govt representatives present to begin the examination of possibilities and report to their respective constituencies". Mr Lloyd George told the miners and the owners "We have definitely concluded that we could not recommend to Parliament that we continue paying profit to the owners and the owners to the men from the general taxes of the country". Leaders of the Tripple Alliance of Labour today viewed the situation as being considerably improved. Mr Clynes, chairman of the Parliamentary Party, is quoted

as saying he was satisfied a solution of the problem could be found. The chief question to the men is how to reconcile the demand of the mineowners for district wage settlements involving drastic cuts in localities when expenses exceed revenue and the miners demand for national wage system and a national profits pool to keep wages level in all districts.

Doon Holland, April 11th.—Former Empress Augusta Victoria of Germany died here at six o'clock this morning.

ORDER OF THE DAY

for the 6th Ordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council for St. Croix
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 1921, at
ONE O'CLOCK P. M.

1. Colonial Council Bill No. 55.
2nd Discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 55, draft of an ordinance, introduced by 1st. Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) providing the sum of Frs. 250,000.00 to re-build with concrete the center line road between Frederiksted and Christiansted in accordance with plan approved by the Public Works Officer, With amendment.
2. Colonial Council Bill No. 57.
Continuation of and 1st. Discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 57, draft of an Ordinance, introduced by Government, providing for the appointment of a judge for the District Courts of the Virgin Islands of the United States. With Committee Report.
3. Colonial Council Bill No. 59.
Introduction of 1st. Discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 59, draft of an Ordinance, introduced by Government, providing for collection on merchandise remaining in the Customs warehouses etc.
4. Report of Committee to revise list of Hucksters Goods.
5. Colonial Council Bill No. 60.
Introduction of and 1st Discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 60 draft of proposed Budget for the Municipality of St. Croix for the fiscal year from July 1' 1921 to June 30' 1922.

Colonial Council Office, April 11th, 1921.

ROBT. L. MERWIN,
Chairman.