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The sloop "Mizpah" carrying the mail between this port and St. Thomas has not yet returned. The weather has been and is still very calm which accounts for delay.

A number of ships passed this port yesterday afternoon going north.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Shanktown, Pa., Jan. 27th.—40 men lost their lives in the explosion which yesterday wrecked the Lancashire mine of the Banes and Tucker Coal Company here, according to the best estimates obtainable late today. 17 bodies have been brought out and nine miners, who were saved by the prompt efforts of other miners, are in hospital recovering from the effects of shock and gas.

Dublin, Jan. 26th.—Ireland defeated France in an international Rugby match here this afternoon by six to nil.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 27th.—United States Senator Jas. A. Reed is a candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination.

Rome, Jan. 28th.—The newspapers are authority for the statement that the first part of the treaty between Italy and Yugoslavia concerning Fiume stipulates reciprocal neutrality in case of war. The second article, which was demanded by Yugoslavia, provides for cooperation by the two countries in economical and military defence, thereby giving special character to Italo-Yugoslavia relations in all the problems of Central Europe and the Balkans. The treaty provides for its registration with the League of Nations.

Tokio, Jan. 28th.—Field Marshal Viscount Yoshimichi Hazegawa, one of Japan's most famous militarists, died yesterday after an illness of two weeks. He was 75 years old.

Ottawa, Jan. 28th.—Notice has been given of an application to Parliament for the incorporation of a company to be capitalized at \$500,000,000 with power to connect the Lower St. Lawrence River by ship canals and by ship channels with the head of the Great Lakes, states the Journal this afternoon.

Washington, Jan. 28th.—Unless the resignation of Secretary Denby was in the hands of President Coolidge before today, Senator Wash, Montana, declared today in the Senate, he would seek action in that body to remove the present head of the Navy department. There are persistent rumours that there will be a cabinet shake up as a result of the revelations resulting from the investigation of the United States naval oil reserves at Teapot Dome, Wyoming. It is considered significant that the President has taken the legal investigation of the leasing out of the hands of the

Department of Justice and Secretary Denby is under fire for signing the lease which was granted by the ex Secretary of the Interior Mr. Fall. The President was completing today his plans to place prosecution of annulment suits in the hands of two distinguished lawyers, one a Democrat and one a Republican, with instructions to act independently of the Department of Justice.

Paris, Jan. 28th.—M. Poincare's demand that the Chamber of Deputies reject all motions to postpone consideration of the increased taxation measures was upheld this evening, when the Chamber voted 426 to 152 to begin discussion of the measures, article by article. Radicals, Socialist and Communist launched a strong offensive against the Government's new taxation programme this afternoon, when they filed eighty amendments while the leaders of the groups were discussing from the speakers platform four different motions to adjourn the discussion until after the elections. The Finance Committee voted to report adversely on the amendments and the Chamber rejected one after the other the motions to adjourn the debate. The vote of 152 was the biggest vote the opposition was able to muster, but this is not regarded as a test of strength of the Government forces, as the division of the Chamber will be modified when it comes to a vote on the propositions themselves tomorrow. The tactics of the Socialists and Radicals endeavouring to smother the bills with amendments, it is predicted tonight in Parliamentary circles, are doomed to the same fate as the motions to adjourn. The Government majority will be smaller, but it will be large enough in the opinion of experts in Parliamentary proceedings. The most vigorous assault against the Government today was by M. Monnet, Socialist Deputy from Lyons, who was M. Caillaux's Attorney before the High Court. He declared it was not time for the French people and their representatives in Parliament to abdicate their power into the hands of any one man when such countries as Great Britain were setting an example of popular government. The tone of the debate indicates that the sharpest fight will be on M. Poincare's demand that the Chamber authorize him to proceed to the reorganization of public services by decree, in order to effect economies, action taken in this way to be referred to the Chamber within six months for approval. The Socialist-Radical cry against this in the lobbies is "Mussolini". The Chamber, however, are far more moderate, suggesting that the opposition feels that it is supporting a lost cause.

Washington, Jan. 28th.—The principal corporations engaged in the manufacture and distribution of radio equipment and the rendering of radio services, were charged in a Federal Trade Complaint, issued yesterday, with creating and

maintaining a monopoly in radio apparatus and communication. The companies named are the Radio Corporation of America, General Electric, American Telephone and Telegraph, Westinghouse, Western Electric, International Radio, United Fruit and Wireless Specialty, were cited to make answer within 30 days to the further charge of "violating the law against unfair competition in trade to the prejudice of the public". The whole process, the complaint said, was in restraint of competition and involved distributing, manufacturing and sales rights under some 200 different patents and the splitting up of the corporation between the General Electric, Westinghouse American Telephone and Telegraph and United Fruit Companies.

London, Jan. 29th.—An official statement, issued today, says that the Prime Minister has given no interviews since he took office and it points out that interviews with him which are appearing now, were given before his assumption of office, when he was merely a private individual. The statement adds, "This does not, of course, imply that his general lines of policy differ from those fore shadowed. The questions of Russia and our relations with France, reparations, etc. have to be developed very carefully and in a most liberal spirit, always with a view to the government's policy of putting Europe once more on its feet and reestablishing cooperation with everybody."

London, Jan. 29th.—It is understood that the position of Mr. Arthur Ponsonby as Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, will be one of considerable greater influence than has hitherto attached to the Under-Secretary of this department. He will act indeed very much in the capacity of Assistant Foreign Secretary, as also will Lord Parmoor, Lord President of the Council.

Buenos Aires, Jan. 29th.—Four earthquakes, beginning at nine forty five last night, were registered by the seismograph at the La Plata Observatory. The last quake was violent. The centre of the disturbance, according to the Scientists, was in Chile, between Santiago and Valparaiso.

Washington, Jan. 29th.—An earthquake of moderate intensity was recorded between 9.06 and 10.00 p. m. last night on the seismograph at Georgetown University. Father Tondorf the Seismologist, announced that the earthquake apparently was about 4,600 miles south of Washington.

Lisbon, Jan. 29th.—Theophile Braga, President of Portugal, was found dead in his residence today.

Stockholm, Jan. 29th.—Dr. Ernest Westerlund, the famous Swedish physician, died yesterday at the age of 85.

London, Jan. 29th.—The Secretary of State for the Colonies Mr. J. H. Thomas who with the Prince of Wales was the guest of the Australian Luncheon Club