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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Lausanne, Dec. 23th.—Both Turkish and Allied delegates relaxed their attitude today and discussed control of the Straits in such a conciliatory spirit that there is every indication that some sort of Straits convention may be signed in a very days. The note of the United States that it does not regard an international commission as necessary, undoubtedly bore fruit, as Lord Curzon gave careful consideration to Ismet Pasha's plea that the Turks could consider international interference with Turkey's affairs as worse than death. An agreement will likely be reached safeguarding the demilitarized zone along the Straits from control by the proposed international commission which will have jurisdiction only over navigation of the Straits, leaving even the pilotage to the Turks. Ismet Pasha also pleaded for further guarantees for the safety of Constantinople than those which would be afforded by the League of Nations and proposed additional guarantees similar to those given to the Aland Islands. He insisted that Turkey must have further assurances from the important Powers, individually and collectively, that her territory will not be violated. He accepted in principle the fundamental provisions for control of the Straits outlined by the Allies, but pleaded that Turkey must have her sovereign rights safeguarded. Lord Curzon, M. Barriere, Baron Hayashi, M. Spalaikovitch and other speakers expressed great satisfaction over Turkey's conciliatory attitude. Baron Hayashi said he was specially gratified to

see the conference which had almost reached the stage of ultimatums, settled owing to such calm and reasonable consideration of the Straits problems. Lord Curzon, after hearing Ismet's statement of the Turkish position, said that Ismet's acceptance of the general principles of free passage, as outlined by the Allies, now made it possible to discuss details of the practical application of those principles. He expressed sympathy with Ismet's anxiety lest Turkey's sovereignty should be affected by the proposed treaty but pointed out that in a measure every power surrendered some of its sovereign rights when it negotiates treaties. He mentioned the Great Lake's treaty between Canada and the United States as one which in a sense limits the sovereignty of the two Governments, but is in no sense an offense against the sovereignty of either and contended that the proposed regulation of the Straits was the same. As it is clear that the United States will accept no seat on a Strait control commission, regardless of how much the powers of this proposed international body are limited, the members of the American delegation were asked tonight whether the United States would in any way be bound to respect the regulations imposed by this body and if the United States would negotiate a treaty immediately with Turkey. To this Mr. Child made no answer. Ismet Pasha also objected to various nations retaining station ships at Constantinople, and this matter was referred for discussion to the experts, who explained later that station ships are really used only as taxi cabs for the high commissioners or ambassadors. No date has been set for continuation of the discussion of the Straits question which is generally regarded as very unsettled.

VIRGIN ISLANDS MAIL SERVICE

Christiansted -- St. Thomas

FOR this trip only the "Creole" performing the above described service will be dispatched from Christiansted on Wednesday evening December 27th, instead of Tuesday, 26th. Mails close at 5.00 p. m. Wednesday instead of Tuesday.

Post Office, Christiansted, Virgin Islands, December 21, 1922.

B. R. LARSEN, Postmaster.

NOTICE.

THIS is a reminder to all roadholders that the annual inspection of the Public roads will take place in the month of January 1923.

The repairs should be completed before the 31st Dec. 1922, when all bridges, side-walls, etc. shall be whitewashed. Special attention should be paid to the "Quarter Jobs" completed within the past year, and when necessary, re-whitewashed. Up to the present, with the exception of the weeding of the roads, very little has been done, and it is imperative that all holes in the roads, especially the Center line, should be immediately filled: much harm has been done by the late showers and neglect of attention to this special work.

EDGAR W. MEYER,
Chairman Road Commission.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
OF THE UNITED STATES, CHRISTIANSTED SUB
JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
ARTHUR QUEALE, DECEASED.

CITATION.

TO THE HEIRS IN THE ESTATE OF
ARTHUR QUEALE AND OTHERS
INTERESTED.

WHEREAS A. E. STAKEMANN, administrator of the estate of ARTHUR QUEALE, deceased, has made application for an order of sale of the following property, to wit: Estates CANAAN and BETTY'S JEWEL with livestock and implements, belonging to the said estate for the purpose of paying debts of the above entitled estate.

You are hereby cited to appear in the District Court of the Virgin Islands of the United States, sub-judicial district of Christiansted on the 30th day of December A. D. 1922 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, to show cause why such order of sale should not be granted according to said application.

GIVEN under my Hand and the Seal of the Court this 27th day of November A. D. 1922.

J. F. HENRY,
Clerk of the District Court.