

that the Committee meet after the meeting of the Council to select a Chairman so as to be able to proceed to business.

The Chairman: I bring up the resignation of 2nd Member for Christiansted Country District (Mc Kay) which I have read to you, I lay the matter before you for decision.

Member Canegata moved that the resignation be accepted.

The Chairman: The member has served six years and is entitled to resign if he so desires.

Member Canegata's proposal was put to the vote and it was unanimously carried that the Member's resignation be accepted.

The Chairman remarked: The necessary notification will be sent to Government.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 4.45 p. m.

LOCAL.

There will be a meeting of the Colonial Council at 1 p.m. today. As this is the last meeting before the retirement of Governor Oman, His Excellency will probably embrace the opportunity to take leave of the assembly.

Electric light is being installed in Government House. The fixtures in the Council Hall are exquisite and elaborate and greatly enhance the imposingness of that historic room which has been further decorated with portraits of President Harding and other great men who have been heads of the nation, these pictures being hung on the walls where the mirrors used to be in former years. The electric wiring is the work of our dexterous Telephone Manager H. Berg.

No Porto Rico nor States mail has come in as yet, and it is understood that the schooner Juan Cruz sailed from St. Thomas for Frederiksted at 1 p.m. yesterday.

The Industrial Band prepared to deliver a concert on the wharf last night but owing to some mishap light could not be obtained in the bandstand, so the band tramped through the principal streets playing, and followed by a jolly crowd.

The popular serial The Lion Man will be continued at the Christiansted Theatre this evening. See programme in this issue.

EDITORIAL.

The agenda for the Colonial Council meeting of today includes the introduction and first discussion of the budget for the coming fiscal year, and it is popularly desired suggested to members to be liberal-minded when

passing on the appropriations for subsidizing the local musical organizations. The amounts already granted are but evidences of recognition, and they have been thankfully accepted as such, but if these bands are to be maintained on anything like a steady footing, more money is necessary. The Native Brass Band, the oldest organization of the kind in this island has just secured a set of new instruments at an outlay of several hundred dollars, in order to better acquit itself before the public which is not unlike the public of other places and makes no allowance for the fact that the organization is altogether dependent upon the private initiative of its leader and members for existence. These men have shown great ability to preserve unity and keep the institution alive during many years of sharp vicissitudes and adversities and it is due them that the public, through its representatives, evince some really tangible appreciation for the efforts expended to provide public entertainment, apart from consideration of the financial aid now needed. 'Tis true the expenses of the Municipality are numerous, but in rising to this occasion the public feels an obligation to relieve the hard working members of the Native Brass Band of a personal debt of some eight hundred dollars incurred to advance the civic interests of the community. This matter is put up for the serious and careful consideration of every Council member. The public trusts to the Council to make good.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Washington, April 12th.—The final rejection of the Versailles League of Nations by the United States Govt. has proclaimed to the world today by President Harding in a solemn pronouncement of the foreign policies of his administration. Speaking briefly before the new congress assembled to write a programme of political and economic reconstruction, the President declared the acceptance of the League would be nothing short of a betrayal of the mandate of the November elections. Instead, he asked for a congressional declaration of peace, and for a ratification of those portions of the Versailles treaty which protect specifically United States rights and interests in the war settlement. The existing League of Nations, world-governing with the super-powers, this republic will have no part, he said. "It is only fair to say to the world in general and to our associates in particular that the League Covenant can have no sanction by us". The declaration was answered by a tremendous demonstration, in which republican senators and representatives led, while most of their democratic colleagues sat silent and unsmiling. While weighing the words

of the chief executive the senatorial group of treaty irreconcilables tonight were claiming a complete victory, predicting that even the portions of the treaty endorsed by Mr. Harding would never receive senate approval. In his recommendations for domestic legislation, the President gave great attention to tariff and tax revision and to the railway situation, though he endorsed a list of lesser measures, which congressional leaders decided might prolong the special session until the snow flies. He also took occasion in his address, of nearly an hour, to declare faith in a maintained Merchant Marine and in the principle of armament reduction, without asking for legislation on either subject. An emergency tariff to correct serious disorders in the United States industry was placed at the head, at the President's request, and within an hour after he had finished speaking the House Ways and Means Committee agreed to reject tomorrow the emergency measure passed at the last session, and voted by President Wilson. For the permanent tariff measure that is to be framed later, Mr. Harding made no specific suggestions, except that it followed the principle of protection.

London, April 13th.—Great Britain's Triple Alliance of Labour will call its members from their points at ten o'clock on Friday night, it was announced here this morning at 11 o'clock. This decision follows the inability of the National Miners Federation to reach an agreement with the mine owners and the Govt. for the settling of the miners' strike, which began on April 1st; the Triple Alliance is made up of the Miners Federation, having a membership of 800,000, the National Union of Railway men with 30,000 members and the National Federation of Transport workers with as its members a large number of Unions, which have a membership of close to 30,000. It has been estimated that if the Alliance should call a strike there would be nearly 4 million persons idle in Great Britain as a result. The decision to strike was reached unanimously by the Transport workers and Railwaymen, Mr. Thomas General Secretary of the Railwaymen's Union said after this morning's meeting. "This walkout", he declared, "will take place at ten o'clock on Friday night. Many other Unions have sent applications to join the strike and these are being considered."

London, April 13th.—About 50 per cent of the seamen's and firemen's union, a member of the Triple Alliance, which is taking a ballot on the question of striking, have thus far cast their votes and President Havelock Wilson of the Union announced this afternoon that the majority of those who had voted were against a strike. The Cardiff branch of the Union, one of its most important branches, voted 266 for and 593 against a strike.