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TELEGRAMS.

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Vienna, March 30th.—The refusal of the Soviet delegates to the Russo Rumanian Conference to recognize the Rumanian Pact with the Entente Powers granting Bessarabia to Rumania, has caused a hitch in the conference today. M. Kretinsky, head of the Soviet Delegation, argued that the Paris Pact was one-sided and juridically worthless, stating that Russia disputed the binding character of all post war undertakings entered into by Bessarabia, claiming that they were given under military compulsion. It was later announced that the Soviet Government would not consent to the annexation of Bessarabia by Roumania.

Lynn, Mass., March 30th.—The Lynn English High School was totally destroyed by fire, the damage being estimated at between one and two million dollars. One fireman lost his life while fighting the flames.

Kansas City, Mo., March 30th.—Fourteen persons lost their lives and hundreds were injured as a result of a severe storm which swept across Central Oklahoma, centering at Shawnee, on Friday. The property damage is estimated to run into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

London, March 30th.—A strike of coal-trimmers at the Leith docks took place today and threatens to spread to all ports of Great Britain working under the strikers national agreement.

London, March 31st.—The existing and constantly growing discontent among the working classes, is a theme which calls for much comment in the press

today. Section after section of industry has been demanding higher wages and the situation has now reached a crisis point and it is declared that, including the London Transport Workers who are balloting today on a settlement of the terms arranged last week, fully two million workers are involved in a big movement for increased pay.

Croydon, March 31st.—An unprecedented strike was begun here today namely a strike of the airmen in the service of the concern which carries the air mails, when the pilots and mechanics connected with long distance flights ceased work because of a dispute with the new air combines regarding rates of pay.

By request of the Chairmen an extraordinary meeting of the Colonial Councils of St. Thomas and St. John and St. Croix will be held in the Council Hall in Christiansted on FRIDAY APRIL 4, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Introduction of a resolution embodying recommendations to be forwarded through the Governor of the Virgin Islands expressing the opinion of the Colonial Councils of St. Thomas and St. John and St. Croix, as may be decided, in regard to Senate Bill No. 2786.

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Official Publication.

THE mail arriving from Continental United States today brought a copy of Senate Bill No. 2785, introduced in the Senate on March 10, 1924, by Senator McLEAN of Connecticut by request. This bill is entitled: "A Bill to provide a Civil Government for the Virgin Islands, and for other purposes."

I desire to inform the people of the Virgin Islands that the Government had nothing whatever to do with this bill; was given no opportunity to comment upon it prior to its presentation to the United States Senate and, in fact, knew nothing concerning it until the printed copy was received this morning. Further, insofar as this Government is aware, the party or parties who requested Senator McLEAN to introduce this bill acted without the consent and approval of the people inasmuch as the people as represented by the two Colonial Councils have not signified a desire for a complete change in the form of government of these islands.

The danger of legislation concerning the Virgin Islands being introduced in the Federal Congress without official backing is only too apparent. Would not this bill, if enacted, endanger the Federal appropriation now made for the islands? Porto Rico, from whose Organic Act this bill is largely copied, receives no direct Federal appropriation.

PHILIP WILLIAMS,
Governor.