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TELEGRAM.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London April 9th.—The Govt's proclamation, calling up army and navy reserves for service during the strike, invited "Loyal Citizens", including those serving with Territorial forces, capable of bearing arms and between the ages of 18 and 40, to report at the nearest territorial drill hall for the purpose of being commissioned or arrested for temporary military service with the regular army in new units called "Defence Units". The reservists were asked to bring uniforms, if possible, one days food, blankets and messkits, and other service gear. There were no signs of a panic in the stock exchange yesterday, the tendency of the market being quiet firm and there being no selling of importance, all army reservists have been called to the colours with the exception of those residing in Ireland and the men serving on civil police forces. The Daily Graphic says United States citizens in England are flooding steamship Companies with applications for Berths to the United States. A revolutionary tide is surging up and carrying us with it. One of the leading figures of the Tripple Alliance of labour told the Daily Mail special Labour correspondent last night the newspapers declares, that this may be taken as an explanation of the miners point-blank refusing of Mr Lloyd George's proposals to first discuss the safety of mines affected by the strike although many responsible labour chiefs personally profess anxiety to arrive at a peaceful solution of the situation. Apprehension as to the effect of a nation wide strike on the chances of a labour party the next general election is expressed and it is suggested that this fear may

play a part in the conversation to be held between the Government officials and leaders of the working men. "We see no hope to save the nation from disaster," declares the Daily Telegraph in an editorial commenting on the fact that the tripple alliance will call its men from their posts Tuesday at Midnight, if the Controversy is not settled before that time. Other newspapers, however express the opinion that calm reflection and a respite of four days may reveal new possibilities in the direction of peace. It is said in some quarters that the actual calling of the strike was deferred until Tuesday night so that it might be possible to bring about a resumption of negotiations. The Daily Graphic, suspects that the forces of Labour are indulging in their old tactics of sabre rattling. Commenting on the crisis before the country, the Times says "The business has been mis managed throughout by all parties concerned. The Govt. has been too hasty and the Mine Owners demanded unreasonable and sudden wage reductions causing the mass of neutral opinion to swing in favour of the revolutionary labour wing".

London, April 9th. Sir Arthur Griffith Boscawen, Unionists, has been elected for Taunton. Sir Arthur sought reelection at Dudley upon accepting the portfolio of Minister of Agriculture, but was defeated by a Labour Candidate. The Taunton seat was made vacant by the resignation of Lieut. Col. Dennis Boles, Coalitionist Liberal. Sir Arthur's opponent was Mr Lunnor Labour. The voting stood Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen 12,994 Mr Lunnor Labour 8,290.

London, April 8th.—The intention of the British Govt. to issue an appeal for volunteers for the transport and other essential services, in view of the prospective "Tripple Alliance strike, was announced in the House of Commons late today, by Mr Lloyd George. A proclamation would call up the army and navy reserves, he said. The Govt. also intend to enroll special constables and form a special emergency force for a period of ninety days, to protect the police in the execution of their duty, the Prime Minister added. After recounting the days events, from which he drew the conclusion that the Miners Federation is determined to allow the mines to go to destruction, in the belief that by such action they will be able to intimidate the nation into surrendering, Mr Lloyd George declared it was the duty of the Govt, as

the trustee of the nation, to prevent this catastrophe. He then announced the measures to be taken, and read the Kings emergency proclamation. Mr Austen Chamberlain, the Govt. leader of the House, moved that the Kings message be taken under consideration on Monday. Amid cries of "Tomorrow" the motion was agreed to, and the House was adjourned.

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.