

LOCAL.

There is reprinted in this issue a news item from West End News relative to the untimely death in Frederiksted of one Carolina Jarvis, rumors in connection with which are to the effect that the unfortunate young woman received a letter by the "Fort St. George" from one of the Islands yesterday morning advising of the marriage of her fiancée after reading which she committed suicide by shooting herself with a revolver, the weapon being up to some time after unidentified.

The Creole arrived here this morning with St. Thomas and Porto Rico mails.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH.

A most regrettable incident took place this morning at about the hour of 10.20 when one Miss Carolina Jarvis, a native of Antigua in the residence of her sister Mrs. Naomi Jemmott was found bleeding from the effect of a bullet wound. She was taken to the hospital where she died about 15 minutes later.

It is a pity that the individual had not the chance to say one word or else some light might be thrown on this, which seems to us, all a mystery.—*West End News, Dec. 14th.*

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Ottawa, Dec. 11th.—Crotchers, Minister of labour in the Borden Cabinet, and who was appointed to the Senate about two months ago, died suddenly at Ottawa on Saturday.

St. Vincent, Dec. 12th.—Following telegram was sent today to Major Wood Jamaica from St. Vincent representative Govt. Association. "People of St. Vincent sent hearty welcome to Major Wood and Party to West Indies and entertain hopeful anticipation of visit to this Island".

Mexico City, Dec. 12th.—Popocatepetl, the great volcano Southeast of this City, burst into violent eruption yesterday afternoon, a column of smoke and ashes being thrown 2,500 feet above the summit of the mountain. Warning have been sent to the residents of villages near the mountain, but reports indicate that these small towns have been virtually deserted for weeks. Within the past month Popocatepetl has been reported active, each eruption showing greater violence than the one preceeding it and a serious outbreak is forecasted.

Calcutta, Dec. 12th.—C. R. Das, President elect of the Indian National Congress, was arrested on Saturday, charged with being the manager of an unlawful association. Others arrested on Saturday include the President of the Bengal Khalifat Committee. An official com-

munication, issued yesterday, asserts that the non-operationists are deliberately challenging the Govt's proscription of the so called volunteers and says there is no alternative but to enforce the law and prosecute the most prominent of non-cooperationists who are responsible for the situation.

London, Dec. 12th.—The Earl of Halsbury, who was Lord High Chancellor in 1895-1905 in Lord Salisbury's and Mr. Balfour's ministry died here yesterday.

London, Dec. 12th.—The Daily News says it learns that if Mr. De Valera is convinced that Ireland is against his stand with regard to the peace treaty, he will resign his professorship in Maynooth College and not lead the opposition in the Irish Parliament.

Dublin, Dec. 12th.—Trinity College today put itself on record in favour of ratification of the peace between Great Britain and Ireland. The Board of Directors of the College passed a resolution instructing the registrar to write on behalf of the Board to the members who sat for the University in the British Parliament, and to its members in the Southern Irish Parliament who were the only Unionists elected to that body, expressing the hope that all these members would find it possible to support the terms of settlement for the future Govt. of Ireland already accepted by the British and the delegates of the Dail Eireann.

London, Dec. 12th.—Sir Jas. Craig is back in Belfast today following his conferences with Mr. Lloyd George and other Govt. officials relative to the settlement of the Irish question reached by the British Govt. and representatives of the Dail Eireann here last week. It was expected here today that he would immediately summon the members of his Cabinet and lay before them the developments in the Irish situation, laying particular stress upon their importance to Ulster.

Belfast, Dec. 12th.—The Ulster Unionist Labour Association on Saturday night demanded the immediate unconditional release of all protestants who are in Jail charged with offences in connection with the present state of Ireland. Considerable bitterness over the Irish agreement was evinced on Saturday night at various social gatherings in Ulster. This was particularly noticeable where gatherings refused to acknowledge royal toasts.

Washington, Dec. 12th.—The beginning of the second month of the international conference on limitation of armaments, to give it the official title, finds the conference so far advanced toward achievement of its announced objectives that in practically every visiting delegation discussion of homeward reservations has become a matter of immediate importance. Outstanding in any tabulation of accomplishments, is the four-power agreement reached in plenary session on Saturday. In this covenant the United States, Great Britain, France and Japan

agree "as between themselves, to respect their rights in relation to their Insular Possessions and Dominions in the region of the Pacific Ocean" for the next Ten Years. Upon ratification of this agreement, the Anglo-Japanese alliance, long regarded with disquiet in the United States and several British Dominions, will be abrogated. Limitation of naval armaments remains practically in the status in which it was found after Mr. Hughes had declared his proposal for a reduction of capital ship to a "5-5-3" ratio basis between the United States, Great Britain and Japan. Great Britain and Japan both accepted the proposal in principle immediately, the former making reservations as to submarine tonnage and regarding some details of Ten Year naval construction Holiday which was to ensue, and Japan filing demands for a slightly larger proportionate tonnage. Interwoven with the ensuing negotiations has been the question of Pacific naval bases and fortifications, upon which no formal action has yet been taken, but it is understood that Japan has received assurances of a continuation of the status quo. Land armaments have not yet been taken up, beyond the general discussions which followed the address to the conference of Mr. Briand of France, outlining the position of that country toward any proposal for reduction. It is the general impression that land forces in themselves will not be taken up for any definite action at the present meeting. Certain phases of the subject, however will necessarily be taken up by the committee to which was referred the task of drawing up rules of warfare.

Washington, Dec. 12th.—The Conference on Pacific and far Eastern questions, comprising China, Belgium, Portugal and Spain, in addition to the five powers in the major conference, have taken action as follows. Adopted in plenary session, the four "Root Points" binding the nine participating Powers to respect the independence, territorial and administrative integrity of China. To provide unembarrassed opportunity for China, to develop and maintain an effective Govt. to maintain equal opportunity for all in China. To refrain from taking advantage of existing conditions to obtain special rights which would abridge the rights of friendly states. Adopted in plenary session, resolutions on extra territoriality providing for the sending of a commission of jurists to investigate conditions in China with a view to abolishing such rights and in the meantime agreeing to abolition in principle. Adopted in plenary session, a resolution binding signatory nations to respect neutrality of China in any war to which she was not apart. Adopted in plenary session, a resolution against treaties not in harmony with the four points". Adopted in committee of