

membership of the various churches. I believe every person living on St. Croix is attached to some church or other and still it has been admitted that the moral conditions on this island is not in any way what it ought to be. There are but few persons in St. Croix who do not love to go to church and on this ground if the leaders would insist upon a real experience of conversion before admitting them they would feel the gravity of the situation and the island's condition would be improved morally. But they cannot do this for fear of losing the members. I would rather have one hundred members, who could be looked at with confidence as to their conversion than to have ten thousand who I could not be certain about. God has committed to us a great responsibility and some day He will call us to account for our carelessness. He tells us in Proverbs to "Look well to the flocks under our care."

May the blessing of the Lord that maketh rich and addeth no sorrow there-to rest upon you alway.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Athens, Feb. 5th.—M. Afantares today informed the Regent that he had succeeded in forming a cabinet to succeed that of M. Venizelos who resigned formally Monday.

New York, Feb. 5th.—Preparations for meeting the next debt payments to the United States are under way by Great Britain with a shipment of \$11,000,000 in gold, due to arrive here within the next few days.

Washington, Feb. 5th.—The House today approved a section of the Treasury appropriation bill which would provide \$10,629,770 for Prohibition enforcement in the United States during the coming fiscal year.

New York, Feb. 5th.—A national campaign to obtain the Democratic Presidential nomination for Governor Smith of New York was launched today.

Washington, Feb. 6th.—A message of condolence from the King and Queen of Great Britain was conveyed to Mrs. Wilson by Mr. Chilton, Councillor of the British Embassy, who later communicated to the State Department a similar message from his Government to the Government of the United States. The message from King George to Mrs. Wilson said: "The Queen and I have heard with the deepest regret of your terrible bereavement and hasten to assure you of our heartfelt sympathy. We shall never forget those hours which you and your husband spent as our guest on your way to the Peace Conference, where the part played by Mr. Wilson in the just and lasting peace will be forever remembered by the people of the British Empire." The communication to the United States Government said this country had lost a great servant to humanity.

London, Feb. 6th.—The Speaker of the House of Commons Mr. Whitley, rules that the Conservatives of the House will be recognized as the official Opposition and will occupy the seats formerly occupied by the Labour representatives. The Liberal members will sit on the Government side of the House by below the gangway or the cross passage half way down giving access to the benches.

Johannesburg, S. A., February 7th. — (Reuter's). The Prince of Wales will be given a great reception in South Africa and his visit to this Dominion, on which he will start from England on May 2nd, will be a memorable one. An evidence of the eagerness with which the visit of His R. H. to Johannesburg is anticipated is indicated in the fact that the reception committee has already received offers of five houses to accommodate the Prince and his suit during their stay here and the offer of full domestic staffs as well as all the motor cars desired by the Royal Visitor.

Mexico City, Feb. 6th.—Evacuation of Vera Cruz, chief rebel stronghold and flight by Stamier of General De Huerta and other revolutionary leaders to an unknown destination is officially confirmed in a statement issued by the State Department.

London, Feb. 6th.—An epidemic of influenza of the most serious type is fast assuming alarming proportions in London and surrounding areas. The West London Coroner yesterday investigated three cases of deaths resulting from pneumonia following neglect of the patients to take treatment for influenza. Many business firms and the public offices are suffering through the depletion of their staffs, while the number of prominent men afflicted by the epidemic increases.

London, Feb. 5th.—Discussing Mr. Mac Donald's creation of Peerages, in order to give his party spokesmen in the House of Lords, the London Star remarks that the new Peers happen to have no male heirs and wonders therefore if the present would not be a favourable time to try the experiment of creating of life Peerages. The Premier is considering the question of the creation of life Peerages which at present are bestowed only upon Law Lords and certain bishops. Whether the Premier will proceed with such a scheme depends upon general developments, especially with regard to the probable duration of the present ministry. As for the ministers being allowed to speak in either House, Lord Birkenhead, who when he was Lord Chancellor revealed ambitions for reforming the Lords keenly advocated it and other alterations.

Bombay, Feb. 6th.—The liberation of Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the Indian Nationalists, from prison has been received with rejoicings throughout India. The unconditional turning loose of the non-cooperationist leader is being ac-

claimed by all sections of the press as indicating a policy of conciliation on the part of the Government. Gandhi has decided to remain in the hospital, where he is a patient for at least a fortnight.

Ottawa, Feb. 6th.—One of the most interesting social functions witnessed here in years will be the wedding on Monday next of Miss Lois Frances Booth, of Ottawa to H. R. H. Prince Erik of Denmark, cousin to the King of Denmark. Numerous social functions are taking place in Ottawa this week in honour of the marriage at Rideau Hall, the residence of the Governor General, and at Mrs. Fred Booth's home, formal dinners have been arranged to introduce the groom and his father, Prince Valdemar, to Canadian society.

Ottawa, Feb. 6th.—Conferences which may result in a trade agreement between Canada and Australia opened here today. The Australian representatives, Senator Wilson and Major Oakly, Chairman of the Australian Tariff Board, arrived in Ottawa yesterday. Today they met Mr. Jas. Robb, acting Minister of Finance, and Mr. Low, Minister of Trade and Commerce, acting for Canada in the negotiations. Tonight the Australians leaves for Toronto.

Habana, Feb. 6th.—Unusually heavy rains in Santa Clara and Camaguey provinces have damaged the tobacco crop to an extent which is not yet known, but which is believed to be considerable. The heaviest losses were near San Diego Del Valle, in the Santa Clara province, and at Majagua, Camaguey.

New York, Feb. 6th.—The British amateur Squash Team won the first match played since its arrival in the United States, defeating a Special New York Team at the University Club today 3 to 1.

Washington, Feb. 6th.—Chief Justice Taft, by direction of his physician, has cancelled all engagements for the immediate future and entered upon a period of complete rest. This course was determined upon after the Chief Justice had suffered an attack of indigestion today. Although the attack is yielding to treatment, he followed his physicians instructions and went to bed.

Paris, Feb. 6th.—A reported declaration by Mr. Lloyd George that there had been a secret agreement between the late President Wilson and Premier Clemenceau regarding the occupation of the Rhine, was denied today by M. Andre Tardieu, who characterized the report as "stupid". Mr. Lloyd George has been quoted as saying that the agreement between the French Premier and the United States President had been made during the Paris Peace Conference while Mr. Lloyd George was temporarily in London and that he had only recently discovered the compact. It was stated this afternoon that the Government will make a formal reply to the statement attributed to the British ex-Premier.