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LOCAL.

The parts of the serial shown at the theatre last night were very exciting and held the attention of the audience throughout.

The Raporel Steamer from New York arrived at Frederiksted this morning and is expected at this port later sailing from here for the southern islands.

CORRECTION.

In yesterday's "Avis" first column of 3rd page, tenth line from the bottom should read: "I agree with the 3rd Member for Christiansted Town (Alexander)" instead of "1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Coulter)."

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, July 6th.—The necessity of recognizing the differences between the political and industrial sides to disputes was frankly recognized by Mr. Thomas, leader of the railwaymen, at the annual conference of that body today. He admitted that the railway wages now amounted to 187,000,000 pounds sterling against 50,000,000 in 1914. In August the British railways revert to old conditions and Mr. Thomas acknowledged that it would be impossible for the companies to pay dividends or even pre-war wages. He therefore declared it is to be a vital necessity to pass the bill for grouping working on railways, which would mean an immense saving in working. Mr. Thomas scouted the notion that the control of the railways had brought about the danger of a strike, pointing out that seventeen millions sterling had already come off the wage bill without provoking the slightest signs of trouble. The conference had an acrimonious discussion privately concerning the actions of Mr. Thomas during the last twelve months, particularly his share in calling off the triple alliance strike. He was severely criticized by the extremists, but the resolution that he be removed from the supreme headship was not determined.

London, July 6th.—Sir Alfred Mond, the Minister of health, has given a knockout blow to his predecessor's ambitious housing scheme, by announcing

that the Government cannot continue it on the present lines. He very frankly says. "The bare truth is that houses cost more than when the scheme was started and at very moderate estimate are giving a loss of sixty pounds on each house when outlay and economic rent are compared." The minister gloomily adds, that he doubts if the housing shortage will ever be overcome, and seemingly hopes for some utterly new lines of dwelling houses to be evolved. The wholesale recommendations submitted by the committee of enquiry into the pension administration finds no justification for the allegations that the medical board has been induced by the pensions ministry to make lower assessments, or that claims of officers have been dealt with severely. The new pension bill to be introduced shortly will embody the recommendation that permanent pensions should now be given to a large number of men still being summoned before the medical boards; thus saving the expense of maintaining the boards and the trouble to pensioners. The administration by local pension committees, should also be tightened up according to the committee, which also discourages the commutation of pensions.

Athens, July 7th.—The Turkish Nationalists Government in Angora, according to advices from Constantinople today, has demanded that Sultan Mohammed VI abdicate. The latter replied that he was ready to abdicate in favour of any member of the Imperial Family with the exception of Prince Abdul Medjid, the legal heir, who belongs to the Nationalists party, the advices add.

Washington, July 7th.—The United States naval Blimp 63 exploded at the Naval Air Station at Hampton Roads today. None of the four persons on-board the 63 were seriously injured, according to the reports to the Naval Department, but two was painfully burned. The big gas bag had just been released for a photographic flight and was rising slowly when the explosion occurred. Those aboard jumped off in the parachutes, according to the reports. The blimp was destroyed. Explosion occurred when the craft was about 75 feet in the air, and was caused by the carrying away of the rip panel of the balloon, the vibration setting fire to the craft. Lieut. Johnson, who was in command, was burned about the hands, while the engineer was burned about the back. The pilot and machinist escaped unhurt.

London, July 7th.—A sharp and unusual passage at arms occurred in the House of Commons this afternoon between Mr. Lloyd George and Lord Robert Cecil. It arose out of the Prime Ministers complaint that Lord Robert had accused him unjustly of having attacked the workmen of the country at a critical moment namely the eve of the coal strike. A heated altercation ensued Lord Robert declining to give way. He continued his

speech, and when he finished the Prime Minister who in the meantime had sent for a copy of the speech in question read a quotation and justified his remarks as being not an attack on workmen generally, but on socialists. He demanded that Lord Robert Cecil withdraw his imputations. Loud cheers were directed at Lord Robert, but he ignored them and as the speaker of the House did not interfere the subject was dropped.

London, July 7th.—The Prime Minister stated in the House of Commons today that he understood General Smuts South African Premier, went to Ireland on Tuesday last on the invitation of Eamon DeValera, the Irish republican leader. Asked whether he had conferred with General Smuts before the latter went to Ireland, the Premier replied laconically that he was seeing General Smuts constantly. In answer to another query, Mr. Lloyd George said none of the Dominions Premiers would attend the proposed Irish Conference in London to which Mr. DeValera and Mr. James Craig, the Ulster Premier had been invited. Aside from this statement there was virtually nothing today to indicate what progress had been made by the "Big Four", comprising Mr. Lloyd George, General Smuts, Sir James Craig and Earl Midleton, a prominent southern unionist, toward reaching a solution of the Irish questions. There was official reaffirmation of the statement that the outlook was hopeful and that nothing had transpired which seriously jeopardized the prospects of a settlement. General Smuts was received in audience this morning by the King, the latter having shown a keen desire to be informed of every move in the direction of peace in Ireland and General Smuts gave the King impressions he gathered while in Dublin. The audience lasted half an hour. General Smuts had been invited to attend Friday's meeting in Dublin between DeValera and the southern unionist, but thus far has not definitely answered yes or no, merely observing that he failed to see what useful purpose his attendance would serve. In an authentic quarter it was declared today, that recent utterances and acts of Sinn Fein leaders were considered to indicate a recession from their demand for an Independent Ireland, and to imply a willingness to accept as a talking basis "United Ireland," its legislative and governing machinery to incorporate under a different name than the Ulster Parliament, which would have the approximate status of provincial assembly. A similar body under such an arrangement would be created in the south, with some form of "All Ireland" assembly, consisting of upper and lower houses which would serve as a coordinating body. The King it was said today, has placed Buckingham Palace at the disposal of Mr. Lloyd George for holding the