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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, Aug. 1st.—According to an order in council just published in the London Gazette, the British Empire now extends to the South Pole. The order states the Ross Sea and adjacent islands and territories are a British settlement within the meaning of the British Settlement Acts and are named the Ross Dependency. New Zealand is given responsibility for the Government of the dependency, which is defined as comprising all islands and territories between the 116 degrees east longitude and the 150 degree west longitude, situated in the 16th degree south latitude.

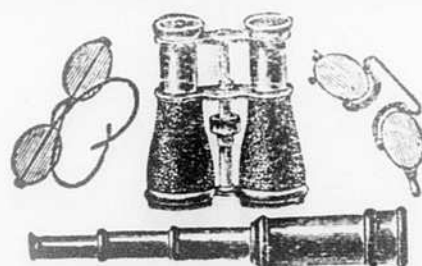
Hong Kong, Aug. 1st.—Because of the fighting between rival Chinese factions at Amoy, the British gunboats Diomed and Foxglove have been sent to that port. Looting is feared. The British and Japanese Consuls asked for gunboats to protect foreign lives and property.

London, Aug. 1st.—Mr. Baldwin announced in the House of Commons today that he was afraid it would be impossible to publish any of the papers regarding foreign relations in time for tomorrow's debate on the reparations situation. He pointed out that the French and Belgian notes have just been received and that it was necessary to get the permission of these Governments before publishing the documents.

London, Aug. 1st.—Whether the closing sitting of Parliament tomorrow, will reveal the next step of the Government in the difficult European problem is still unknown. The cabinet's prolonged discussion of the situation today has only brought thus far the announcement that Mr. Baldwin and Lord Curzon will make simultaneous statements in the House of Commons and the Lords respectively tomorrow, but not the slightest indication of the nature of the statement. The Prime Minister's admission in the House of Commons today, that in the absence of permission from the French and Belgian Govts. for the publication of their notes

the debate would be restricted, seems to point to the fact that the government does not consider the time has arrived to take any new line. M. Poincare has all along insisted upon the secrecy of the negotiations and until he lifts the embargo, or the British Government decides that it is impossible to suffer further delay, it is difficult to see how there can be any publication or revelation of the communications which have passed between the Allied Governments. Hopeless as the prospect of an agreement with France seems, the probabilities point to another attempt, on the part of the Government to achieve such agreement by further negotiation in which case Mr. Baldwin's statement in Parliament is likely to be comparatively brief, dealing with the British position and embodying a renewed warning to France that the negotiations cannot be indefinitely protracted. The Prime Minister also will probably appeal to the House not to embarrass the delicate and difficult negotiations by hard criticisms, he having already undertaken that a special session of Parliament shall be called if a new situation arises requiring the sanction of that body. How carefully the Government has to proceed, risking an open breach with France was illustrated in the House tonight. Though Mr. Baldwin's policy has the support of a large section of the country there is a considerable body of opinion, well represented in the Government against any break with France.

San Francisco, Aug. 3rd.—Great Britain was the first foreign power to pay its respects to the dead president. Mr. C. H. Canz, Viceconsul general of Great Britain in San Francisco, called at the Presidential suite on behalf of Mr. Gerald Campbell, General Consul. Mr. Campbell he said, was out of town and would arrive late today to pay formal respects on behalf of Great Britain.



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Publication

SECTION 31 of the Ordinance concerning Public Roads in St. Croix, approved July 14, 1923 to take effect from July 1, 1923, reads thus:

"To provide for the maintenance and operation of the road machinery there shall be levied, assessed and collected by the Government from and after July 1, 1923, the following semi-annual fees which shall be payable on January 1st and July 1st respectively:

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| (a) For passenger carrying automobiles not exceeding 2,200 lbs. | Francs 40.00 |
| (b) For passenger carrying automobiles from 2,200 to 3,000 lbs. weight | " 50.00 |
| (c) For passenger carrying automobiles above 3,000 lbs. weight | " 75.00 |
| (d) For Auto Trucks or other freight vehicles under 3,000 lbs. | " 50.00 |
| (e) For Auto Trucks or other freight vehicles above 3,000 lbs. | " 125.00 |
| (f) For Auto Truck Trailers per ton capacity per trailer | " 25.00 |

In default of this tax not being paid it shall be collected in the same manner as provided in the Horse, Carriage and Boat Tax Ordinance.

New licenses issued within the period shall be paid for proportionately."

The taxes due according to the above section for the second half of 1923 became due on July 1, 1923 and will be payable at the Police Office on September 1, 1923 in the same manner as the Horse, Carriage and Boat Tax.

Tax-lists will be distributed by the Police Department and are required to be correctly filled out and returned to the respective Police Offices 2 days after receipt in the towns and 4 days after receipt in the country.

Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States of America, St. Croix, August 3, 1923

R. E. BARRETT,
Despatching Secretary.