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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Athens, March 31st.—The airplane in which Major MacLaren is attempting an around-the-world flight was compelled to descend at Corfu today, owing to slight damage to the machine. After the necessary repairs are completed, the flight to Athens will be resumed.

Paris, March 31st.—In his ministerial declaration in the Chamber of Deputies today M. Poincaré made reference to the role which he said the League of Nations was destined to play as an arbitrator between the nations in the cases of international differences, but in his opinion this intervention by the League was still somewhat distant.

London, April 1st.—The thousands of workmen engaged in erecting the buildings for the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley struck today for an increase of two pence per hour in their pay. It was announced that the walk-out would not postpone the opening of the exhibition as already arranged.

London, April 1st.—The official figures for the fiscal year ended last night, showing the total income of the United Kingdom was over 48,000,000 pounds more than expenditures for that period are greeted with satisfaction by the majority of the newspapers today. One feature of which the commentators dwell upon is that during the year the national debt was reduced by 83,000,000 pounds.

Mexico City, April 1st.—General Tokede announces the surrender at Tierra Blanca of General Beltrán with 500 men which practically completes the pacifica-

tion of the Isthmus of Tehuantepec.

Croydon, April 1st.—The deadlock at the Aerodrome continues and no English planes left today. Many business men who had planned to fly to Paris, Cologne and other continental cities, were compelled to seek other routes, while tons of goods and luggage are awaiting despatch to the continent. Besides wages dispute between the pilots and the new combine, the pilots are also dissatisfied with the proposal of the new company director to decide when machines should fly and what weight they should carry, instead of leaving such decisions to the pilots.

Vienna, April 1st.—The breakdown of the Russian Roumanian Conference over Bessarabia is expected by Wednesday, if not before, on account of the obdurate stand of the Soviet Delegates insisting upon a plebiscite and the equally stubborn resistance by the Roumanians. The Soviets profess their readiness to leave if the Roumanians persist, while the Roumanians say that a concession to Russia on this point is unthinkable.

Teheran, April 1st.—Premier Mushir Ed. Dowich issued a proclamation declaring a republic for Persia, contrary to Islam religion, which prohibits all mention of a republic under threat of penalties.

Publication.

IT is hereby brought to public notice that the Government has, this date, authorized the Reverend ALPHONSE J. WOLF, C.S.S.R., to perform civil-religious functions in the Municipality of Saint Croix.

Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States, St. Croix, 27 March, 1924.

WM. S. ZANE,
Government Secretary.

Quebec Steamship Co.

THE S. S. PARIMA

is expected to leave New York on 11th inst., and is due at Frederiksted on or about 18th inst. proceeding to Windward Islands, accept freight and passengers.

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VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES
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Official Publication.

THE mail arriving from Continental United States today brought a copy of Senate Bill No. 2785, introduced in the Senate on March 10, 1924, by Senator McLEAN of Connecticut by request. This bill is entitled: "A Bill to provide a Civil Government for the Virgin Islands, and for other purposes."

I desire to inform the people of the Virgin Islands that the Government had nothing whatever to do with this bill; was given no opportunity to comment upon it prior to its presentation to the United States Senate and, in fact, knew nothing concerning it until the printed copy was received this morning. Further, insofar as this Government is aware, the party or parties who requested Senator McLEAN to introduce this bill acted without the consent and approval of the people inasmuch as the people as represented by the two Colonial Councils have not signified a desire for a complete change in the form of government of these islands.

The danger of legislation concerning the Virgin Islands being introduced in the Federal Congress without official backing is only too apparent. Would not this bill, if enacted, endanger the Federal appropriation now made for the islands? Porto Rico, from whose Organic Act this bill is largely copied, receives no direct Federal appropriation.

PHILIP WILLIAMS,
Governor.