

on the subject, as he is the local agent underwriting hurricane insurance.

3rd Member for Christiansted Town (Alexander) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I rise to a point of order which I did not care to raise while the Honorable 4th appointed Member was speaking. Some time ago while speaking on the two judge question in this Council a Member of this Council said that I was reading my remarks instead of speaking from memory. That part of the rules of Business where it says "No speech must be read from a manuscript" should be amended.

I am in sympathy with the amendment, and I am glad to see that this Council has now to go back on its own work. When the Code of Laws was placed before this Council I was not a member of this body, but this community thought it was too drastic for this island. As I said before, I am in sympathy with the amendment, and I will vote for it, and I hope when other amendments which might be deemed necessary, are brought before this Council, Members will see fit to pass them also.

Government Secretary (Gaffney) remarked: Mr. Chairman. Government is not prepared to-day to go into the possible effect this amendment might have on the Code of Laws, and therefore ask that it be continued until further.

(To be concluded.)

LOCAL.

The S. S. "Marina" is due here at 1 o'clock, having seven tons cargo for Christiansted and twenty tons for Frederiksted.

The S. S. "Martinique" sailed from New York on Wednesday evening the 3rd inst. having 81 tons of cargo for Frederiksted, and 83 tons for Christiansted.

There will be a Foot Ball match on Parade Ground between the Excelsior No. 1 and Red Sox No. 2. On Sunday 7. Game commences at 4 o'clock sharp.

A baseball match will be played on the Parade Ground between the Native Yanks and the Stars. Game starts at 1 o'clock sharp.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Paris, April 30th.—It is semi officially stated at the Foreign Office that there is complete agreement between Premier Poincare and M. Barthou concerning the stand taken by the French delegation at Genoa. The cabinet, which met to-day to discuss the latest despatches from the delegation, expressed their entire approval of all M. Barthou's actions, the

Premier personally adding his congratulations to M Barthou for the manner in which he had safeguarded French interests.

Tientsin, April 29th.—It is reported that at Machang there has been severe artillery fire for the past twenty four hours.

Peking, April 30th.—The fighting raged all day long today from Machang to Changsintien, twelve miles to the south west of Peking. Notwithstanding a slackening of the firing as nightfall approached, General Wupeifu, apparently in an effort to drive General Changtsolin from the neighbourhood of Peking, was reported to be bringing forward reinforcements from the Yangste region.

London, April 30th.—Despatches to the Times from Warsaw, dated Saturday, say it is reported that a Russo-German military agreement, signed at Berlin on April second, provides that the Soviet Government shall give Germany twenty warships and maintain a certain number of troops opposite the Polish frontier, Germany is to deliver to Russia arms, munitions, equipment and instructions for poison-gas warfare, airplanes and wireless equipment.

London, April 30th.—A despatch to the Times from Gera says it is believed that the legal advisers of the reparations commission will report that they find nothing in the Russo-German treaty inconsistent with the treaty of Versailles, subject to satisfactory replies being received from the Germans regarding certain points.

Peking, April 30th.—Martial Law was declared here today. A Government communication says that its troops have proved victorious in the fighting around Changsintien and Machang. The United States Legation has requested Washington to send another warship to Tientsin.

Scranton, Pa May 1st.—The end of the first month of the anthracite coal suspension showed no sign of work being resumed in the near future. Up to date the men have lost approximately twenty five million dollars in wages.

Galveston, Texas May 1st.—The British steamer "Victoria De Larrinaga" was wrecked on the Muchoir Reef, sixty miles off the north coast of Haiti, on April twentieth according to a message from the master of the United States Steamship "Lake Fairlie" to the Lone Star Steamship Company of this City.

Washington, May 1st.—The political recognition of the new government of Russia must await the establishment of sound business and social conditions there, Secretary of State Hughes declared today in response to a petition presented by a delegation of women, who asked United States aid towards Russian rehabilitation. This declaration by Mr. Hughes is the first formal announcement of the policy of the United States regarding Russia since the recognition of the Soviet Republic became a matter of prime importance

at the Genoa Conference, and in view of the pending negotiations at that meeting Mr. Hughes statement is of special significance in diplomatic circles.

POSTAL IMPROVEMENT WEEK.

May 1 to 6

SHOW THE PUBLIC AND THE PUBLIC WILL HELP.

This is the last of my notes for Postal Improvement Week. I have embraced the opportunity offered by the campaign in telling you some of the things I believe would improve the postal service of Saint Croix. There is much that could still be found of interest to discuss, but time and space are limited. The newspapers of this town have been more than accommodating in placing their valuable columns at disposal during the past days, and I desire to thank them very heartily for their cooperation and interest, which I know will be appreciated by the Postmaster General and without which publicity necessary to any success for the week could not have been attained. Postal Improvement Week is over; the privilege of addressing you under this caption is gone, but the effect it may have had for good will remain I trust, and bear fruit. Postal Improvement Week has been a good stimulus to us all, to the workers in the post office and the patrons outside. Let us not forget it. In order that its memory may be kept fresh and the spirit of it perpetuated, I propose to issue a weekly post office letter to appear in the local papers about every Thursday, to cover an interesting field of activities in our work with you, along those lines where you will, if you have not already begun to do so, develop some personal interest in what's going on behind the screen as well as in what you see outside. Hitherto the laying down of suggestions and ideas for improvement has been from our side only. We want to hear from you. Let us have the benefit of your opinions, let us know what you think would be practical, what would add some benefit to present methods and rules. Anything that is humanly practicable and permissible according to law, will be given careful consideration and if it cannot be put into practice you will know why. Let us get your suggestions. Perhaps you have some better ones than we have. This postal service is yours. The Postmaster General says it was established and is maintained for the benefit and use "of the people, by the people, and for the people." Come forward and air your grievance whenever you have one or think you have one. A better understanding between the service and the public should have the effect of a better and more harmonious operation; let us give it a fair trial. Live up to the motto at the top of this letter.

B. R. LARSEN, Postmaster.