

being a heavy and continuous downpour from the early morning hours. The gauge at the Fort records four and one eighth.

The "Creole" advised as having sailed from St. Thomas yesterday evening has not yet arrived here nor at Frederiksted. The wind was favorable but rather strong, and it is to be hoped that she has not sustained any mishap.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Ahmedabad, British India, Dec. 29th.—The resolution adopted by the special Committee of the Indian National Congress yesterday, favouring continuation of Mahatma Gandhi's policy of non-violence, includes a clause declaring Gandhi the sole executive authority of the movement, with full powers over the Congress and its organization. It provides, however, that neither Gandhi, nor any of his successors to the leadership be authorised, in case they are arrested, to conclude peace with the Govt. without previous sanction of the Congress. The organization throughout the country of public meetings, which are forbidden by law, is urged and all Indians are exhorted to join the Khil (the volunteers) and to submit quietly to arrest. The resolution is to be presented to the full congress for approval.

Berlin, Dec. 29th.—New currency to the amount of 4,500,000,000 marks was placed in circulation during the third week of December, it is shown by figures available today. The total currency issue is now 109,000,000,000 marks.

Peking, Dec. 29th.—The United States legation has protested formally to the Peking Govt. against the return to the capital of General Chang Chiag Yao, formerly military Governor of the Province of Hunan, whose troops killed a United States Missionary at Yushow in June 1920.

Paris, Dec. 29th. Germany's readiness to deal direct with the approaching Cannes conference of the Allied Supreme Council relative to German reparations, was indicated today by Dr. Fischer, chairman of the German war debt commission, who appeared before a special meeting of the allied reparations commissions.

Paris, Dec. 29th.—Senate adopted tonight the credits for the Embassy to the Vatican. The vote was 183 to 130 on December 16th. The Senate voted confidence in the Briand Government on the question of the resumption of relations by France with the Vatican.

Rome, Dec. 29th.—The closing of the doors of the Banca Italiana Disconto today created a considerable stir in Italian financial circles. The bank is one of the largest in Italy includes in its holdings shares in the Ansaldo and Ilva groups, which are among the great Italian indus-

trial concerns. The suspension of payment did not cause any runs on other institutions, the depositors of which remained calm.

Washington, Dec. 29th.—Mediation by the United States Secretary of State and Mr. Balfour, head of the British delegation at the Arms Conference, was suggested today as the only feasible way of settling the Shantung question, which has entered the stage of deadlock, through the intimation of Japanese representatives that Japan has gone as far as she can in the way of concessions. The direct conversations between the Chinese and Japanese delegates were broken off because all efforts to agree on the major point, the manner of restoration of the Shantung railway, had proved futile. Apparently neither party sees its way clear to ask for a resumption of the suspended conversations, while both are putting forward the strength of public opinion in their homelands as legitimate justification for the impossibility of further compromise. Under these circumstances, it was suggested today by persons connected with the negotiations that the only hope of a speedy solution of the Shantung problem lay in the friendly offices of neutral states, whereby a modus vivendi of a nature to safeguard the prestige of both China and Japan could be worked out.

New York, 29th.—The Canadian dollar lost a fraction of its recent gains in the New York market this morning. The discount rate on Canadian money was quoted at 5½ per cent, an increase of ½ over yesterday's quotation. The slight unfavourable move was due to the general trend of the Foreign Exchange Market, following a drop of ten points in the value closing of the Banca Italiana Disconto in Rome. This will have merely a temporary sentimental effect upon the exchange situation, it is stated and the strong position of the Canadian dollar, as compared with its situation during the past two years, will not be affected. During the afternoon the Canadian dollar again advanced, and at closing of the market the discount rate was quoted at 5½ per cent.

London, Dec. 30th.—The Earl of Athlone, the Queen's youngest brother, who would have succeeded the Duke of Connaught as Governor-General of Canada in 1914 but for the outbreak of the war, is the latest person mentioned for the Governor-Generalship of the Irish Free State.

Washington, Dec. 29th.—Canada's voice was heard today at the arms conference in a speech which was pronounced by members of the British Empire and United States delegations to be "at once forceful and eloquent." Sir Robert Borden uttered indignant protest of his country against the use of the submarine. He spoke in support of the Root resolution, which, after

stating the law of nations upon the subject, declared that the five great powers should pledge themselves not to use a submarine at any to prey upon commerce, or bring about the slaughter of neutrals and non-combatants. Sir Robert said he could speak with deep feeling on this subject and voiced the unanimous opinion of the Canadian people.

Moscow, Dec. 29th.—The Soviet army and navy now totalling 1,593,000 men, must not be reduced, but on the other hand be increased next Spring and Summer, in the event that outside foes carry out their plans to attack Soviet Russia, declared Soviet Minister of War Trotsky in a fiery speech before the ninth all Russian Congress today. Enthusiastic applause greeted Trotsky when he said the Japanese were aiding the White guard aggression in the Far East, and added. The impudent imperialistic beast of prey must know that besides the four powers which have just concluded an agreement among themselves, there is still a fifth Soviet Russia and the Red army.

London, Dec. 30th.—A general election in this country in February is regarded as probable, according to the Parliamentary correspondent, who says that Mr. Lloyd George has discussed the question with his principal colleagues. Rt. Hon. Austin Chamberlain, Parliamentary leader in the House of Commons, is believed to be the only member of the inner Cabinet who prefers to wait until Autumn for a general election.

Vienna January 1st.—The Austrian Govt. has permitted the fact to become known that the Vickers Armstrong Company, a British concern, has made an offer to purchase the great Woeltesdor arsenal, which it is proposed to convert into a plant for the manufacture of locomotives on orders received from the Balkan States.

London, January 1st.—An Esthonia ship, carrying cargo for a Stockholm firm, was sunk without warning in the Gulf of Finland by the Russian Soviet icebreaker, Vingt, says an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Stockholm yesterday. Twenty-three persons were reported drowned. The firm reported sinking to the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Lahore, British India, January 1st.—There was serious rioting on Friday in Firozpur and in the Rohtak district of the Punjab, when non-co-operators attempted to rescue persons who had been arrested for assaulting members of the loyal association. The military from Delhi and Alwar assisted in restoring order.

London, Jan. 2nd.—The wedding of Princess Mary to Viscount Lascelles has been set for February 28th, according to the Daily Mail.

Rangoon, British India, Jan. 2nd.—The Prince of Wales, continuing his tour of India, arrived here today from Calcutta.