

With a favorable wind behind her the sloop "Mizpah" with mails and passengers left her yesterday afternoon for St. Thomas.

The s. s. "Baracca" sailed from New York on Saturday evening, having 12 tons of cargo for Frederiksted, and 62 tons for Christiansted.

CORRECTION.

In yesterday's "personal" the word formerly should read *formally*.

The Lutheran Church Picnic

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On Easter Monday, April 21, 1924, one of the brightest sunny days, the Lutheran Church held its picnic, as announced.

At about 11.15 a. m. the procession headed by the Native Brass Band, wended its way from the Lutheran Church down King's Street, up Prince's Street, turning Company Street, up Hospital Street, where it proceeded to the Estate, known as Mt. Welcome, where a most happy time was spent by the congregation as well as friends.

As I entered the estate at about 1.45 p. m., my eyes beheld the children with their respective teachers sitting under the shady trees enjoying their meals and the beautiful scenery around, while the Band kept them in the best of spirit with some lively rags, etc.

Later in the afternoon there were some sports including tug-of-war by members of the Band and others.

I left about 4.45 p. m. after spending a few happy hours.

In conclusion, I wish to say, much credit is due to the Committee in making the picnic a success and feel quite sure that all went away feeling satisfied.

Such outdoor sports are encouraging to the children at times.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Tokio, April 17th.—The American Baptist Mission of Japan today adopted a resolution condemning the proposed exclusion of Japanese from the United States as unnecessary and unchristian.

Cairo, Egypt, April 17th.—Stuart Mac Laren, the aviator, reached Cairo this afternoon from Athens, having safely negotiated the Trans Mediterranean passage of his attempted globe encircling.

Mainz, Germany, April 18th.—Five of 22 Germans, who were tried by a French court martial on charges of sabotage in May and June 1923, were convicted and sentenced today to serve terms of 20 years each at hard labour. Three were sentenced to 10 years each and three to five years. The leader of the band Otto Herder an ex-Lieutenant on the German

battleship Breslau, was sentenced to serve 12 years. Nine of the other defendants received shorter jail sentences and one was acquitted. Two death sentences were passed by default upon defendants whom the French police failed to arrest.

Washington, April 18th.—The extension of the immigration quota restrictions to all countries of North and South America was rejected by the Senate by a vote of 69 to 12. The amendment of the pending bill, seeking such extension, was offered by Senator Willis of Ohio, Republican, who declared without it the bill would leave the backdoor wide open. It was opposed by administration leaders in charge of the bill as destructive of the whole theory of Pan Americanism. The Amendment proposed by Senator Sterling, Republican, South Dakota, which would have divided the quota of each foreign nation in proportion to the racial groups comprising the population of each nation, was then taken up and defeated without a roll call.

Washington, April 18th.—The Immigration Bill of 1924, carrying substantially the same provisions relating to Asiatic exclusion and other important changes in basic policy, recently approved by the House, was passed tonight by the Senate by a vote of 62 to 6. The final vote in the House was 322 to 71. As it goes to conference, the new bill contains few changes which are expected to prolong discussions. Attention, however, has been called to the possibility of important changes being worked out there. Slight differences in phraseology exist between the House and Senate drafts in many sections, one of them, the vital "Japanese exclusion" provision, and while no evidence has been shown on either side of the Capitol of a disposition to recede in the slightest degree, observers called attention to the possibilities offered for modification in conference. White House spokesmen declared the President had no comment to offer upon the Senate's action, nor upon the situation which has grown out of the failure of Congress to accept the advice of the State Department against bringing the Japanese into the definitely excluded classes.

Tokio, April 18th.—A talk of Military action as a result of the United States exclusion legislation, is ridiculous, however much Congress has wounded Japanese pride, Lieut-General I Chisuke Tsulo, Vice-Minister of War, said in an interview today with the newspaper Tomiuri. "It would be folly at this juncture to follow the Chinese example and throw stones at the United States Embassy. This would be a boomerang to Japan. We must take this experience as a bitter but beneficial pill which may cure our internal ills and distinction. Definite reactions are coming from businessmen, whose views on Japanese exclusion in the United States were ex-

pressed by the action of the Tokio Chamber of Commerce yesterday. Resolutions of the Tokio Chamber were addressed not only to the united business bodies, but also to the Government. They urged further efforts to conciliate the United States and cause a reversal of Congressional action on exclusion. The Tokio Chamber is drafting resolutions and a programme for presentation to the next meeting of the Chambers of Commerce at Kyoto on April 22nd.

London, April 19th.—Violent earthquakes were again reported today in the Midland colliery district between Alverton and Sutton in Ashfield. They lasted but a few seconds. The characteristics of the disturbance and those of the recent quake were alike, but it was of less severity. Little material damage was reported.

Paris, April 19th.—France will give up none of the means of pressure on Germany which she now possesses, unless the Allies agree to replace them by pre arranged concerted action between them, fixed in advance and to apply automatically in case of a new default by Germany.

Paris, April 19th.—Marquis Racer Pascara the Argentine aviator inventor, is beginning to reap the rewards of perseverance in his experiments with the Helicopter. Yesterday he flew his strange looking machine more than a half mile, keeping at a uniform height of seven feet. The test was carefully timed and controlled by representatives of the aero club.

Sofia Bulgaria, April 19th.—"If the negotiations recently concluded, or now approaching conclusion, are successful the danger of war will be averted in the Balkans for many years," declared Foreign Minister Kallo. The latest of these agreements, that with Roumania, will be signed in two or three days. The preliminary agreement already signed provides for joint action to prevent incursions across the Roumanian frontier with two mixed commissions sitting. A blanket agreement covering all points of possible dispute, including payment by Bulgaria for the war seizures, is practically completed, only a few details remaining to be settled. The agreement with Jugo-Slavia is working out well. The situation between the two countries is considerably easier. The negotiations of the mixed commissions regarding Greece are proceeding with excellent prospects of early agreement. The chief difficulty there, is the question of repatriating and reestablishing the refugees, but that does not appear insuperable as only refugees of Bulgarian and Greek nationality are involved.

Cairo, April 19th.—A wireless message received later in the day said the aviator had successfully crossed the Dead Sea on the way to Ziza, which is about 225 miles beyond that body of water.