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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, July 6th.--Sir Robert Horne made a statement to the Conference of the Imperial Premiers this afternoon concerning German reparations, pointing out what the United Kingdom and the various dominions and colonies might expect from them. In the absence of the British Premier and General Smuts who were attending the Conference on the Irish situation, the session was robbed of much interest. Later the Premiers attended a luncheon of the British Empire exhibition at which Sir Robert Horne presided. In his speech the Chancellor of the Exchequer suggested that the commerce of the Empire required all the encouragement and incentive it could be given and impressed upon his hearers the importance of the exchange of commodities between the different parts of the Empire. Mr. Hughes of Australia spoke of the necessity for improvement of communication between the dominions and the United Kingdom. He concluded, "unless this country can produce coal at a price which will enable it to compete with the rest of the world, Empire exhibition or no exhibition, the greatness of this country must pass away. Seventy working days lost to the nation and eighteen million pounds of extra expenditure incurred by the Government, are the official estimates computed in connection with the coal strike. The defense force army of reservists cost seven million pounds, and the railways claim nine million pounds against the state for May alone. The emptiness of the state coffers has been demonstrated by the surprise announcement in the

House of Commons that a new and unlimited issue of treasury bonds at 97, bearing interest at five and half per cent is urgently needed to meet obligations maturing in the next few months. Three hundred million pounds of debts have to be dealt with, instead of the one hundred million originally budgeted for. The new bonds will run for eight years, thus giving time for a gigantic funding operation at a more reasonable opportunity.

London, July 7th.--Sharp criticisms of the paucity and slowness of communications by steamship, airplane, telegraph and wireless between Great Britain and the dominions were voiced at Tuesday's session of the imperial conference, at which a decision was reached to appoint a committee to consider the development of communications throughout the Empire. The official text of the speeches delivered at the meeting was issued today, and in it there were expressions of disapproval of world distribution of news through the United States.

Washington, July 7th.--Democratic members of the ways and means committee in a minority report, filed today in the House of Representatives, denounce the administration tariff bill as a "conspiracy to benefit a few favorites at the expense of all humanity." Like every conspiracy it has been hatched in secrecy," the report says.

Paris July 6th.--The French Government this evening forwarded to M. Jusserand French Ambassador in Washington, for transmission to the State Department there, a protest of the French Chamber of Commerce against the provision of the new United States tariff law calling for inspection by United States agents of the books of French exporters for the purpose of determining the ad valorem duties to be collected by the United States.

New York, July 7th.--The second round in the Davis cup contest will be played between India and France, it was announced today by officials of the United States lawn tennis association who were in receipt of cable advices to that effect. The match will be played in Paris on July 16th, 17th, and 18th.

New Port, R. I., July 17th.--The Harvard-Yale Laen Tennis team defeated the Oxford-Cambridge team, five matches to four, by winning four of the six singles matches played yesterday. The Englishmen took two of the three doubles matches on Tuesday.

New York, July 6th.--There was an

advance of 1/8 cent in the local raw sugar market early today, to the basis of 4 1/8 for centrifugal. There were sales late yesterday of 25,000 bags of Porto Rico's to an outport refiner and this morning an additional lot of 17,000 bags was sold to a local refiner without port options and another lot of 10,000 bags sold to local refiner all for prompt shipment. Refined was firm and unchanged at 5.20 to 5.30 for fine granulated, but a much better inquiry is noted and business is reported considerably more active.

London, July 7th.--The Prime Minister stated in the House of Commons that he was fairly hopeful of being in a position to make a statement concerning the Anglo-Japanese treaty on Monday next. He added, however, that such a statement would depend on the replies received from the United States and China. A premature declaration, Mr. Lloyd George asserted, would interfere with the success of the negotiations now.

Publication.

It is hereby made known that the Horse Carriage and Boat Tax for the second half year 1921 will be received by the Director of Police in Christiansted and Frederiksøed from the 20th inst. to the 10th prox., both days included, after which the list of arrears will be transmitted to the same authority for further measures.

Each debtor of tax will be subject to a fine of Frs. 1.00 if the tax be under Frs. 25.00 and Frs. 2.00 if the tax be Frs. 25.00 or above, beside the ordinary levy expenses.

Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States of America, St. Croix, July 9, 1921.

C. W. FOX,
Despatching Secretary

NOTICE

is hereby given that the Reverend A. C. BOUGH is no longer Manager of the business carried on in this town under the name of JAMES SUMMERSILL; nor is he in anyway whatsoever connected with the said business.

SOPHIA SUMMERSILL.

St. Croix, Virgin Islands. July 7th, 1921.