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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, May 5th.—A complete change in naval policy is announced in connection with the construction of a naval base at Singapore, for which the House of Commons is being asked to vote ten million pounds. The destruction of the German navy makes concentration in the North Sea unnecessary and the Admiralty is therefore reverting to its former policy of assigning the fleet to World stations, chosen for their strategic values in protecting the trade routes. In introducing the bill, Commander B. M. Eyres-Monsell stated that strong representation which had been made to the Government by the Dominions had strongly influenced the Cabinet in reaching its decision. In outlining the Admiralty's policy, the financial secretary to the Admiralty expressed a hope that the Dominions would cooperate in the construction and maintenance of these trade bases. Allegations made by Liberal and Labour members that the change of policy is the first step for the preparation of a new war, were stoutly denied by the First Lord of the Admiralty, who declared emphatically that the step was merely for insurance. It is extremely significant that the majority of critics of the new scheme claim that the new Pacific base is a definitely hostile challenge to Japan and a distinct breach of the Washington agreement which precluded further development of Hong Kong. These opponents of the policy claim that the new scheme is a move to avoid Great Britain's treaty obligations but Col. Amery pointed out that the wishes of the Dominions were strong factors influencing the Government's de-

cision. The question of what and how the several constituent members of the Empire may contribute to the Singapore and other trade bases will certainly be discussed at the forthcoming Imperial conference.

London, May 5th.—The Government is preparing a note to Russia which it is calculated will force a quarrel and bring about a rupture of political and commercial relations between the two countries, according to the Daily Herald. The communication, according to the Herald, will make protests against 1. Treatment of priests in Russia. 2. Seizure by pirates of the British trawler Maman. 3. The tone of communications the Russian Government has been addressing to the British representatives in Moscow. 4. Breaches by Russia of trade agreements between two countries. Mr. Clifford Allan, the chairman of the Independent Labour party, declared that a hostile note "may prove the signal for the whole of Europe to become embroiled over this issue." The Independent Labour party is organizing this week a movement among the workers of Great Britain to prevent the Government from breaking off relations with Russia, including cancellation of the trade agreement. Since the ministry recently stated in the House of Commons that the question of Russian relations was under consideration reports of an impending breach have been strengthened and this labour group has announced that it is prepared to invoke, if necessary, "direct action" by the workers to forestall such a step.

Moscow, May 6th.—Father Vendensy, who acted as prosecutor in the church trial which resulted in the unfrocking of former Patriarch Tichon, yesterday was invested by the All-Russian church conclave with the dignity of Archbishop of Moscow. This extraordinary elevation from ordinary priesthood was made on a motion of the presidium, in recognition of Vendensy's services in the Tichon case, but it was carried over some opposition and amid cries of no, no. The conclave last night decided to abolish all sacred relics, declaring they but serve to foster superstition. As a result of the conclave's decision that bishops may marry, a group of about thirty-five of the dignitaries has presented a petition asking that they be allowed to remain single. The conclave has also ruled that ordinary priests may marry a second time, as opposed to the previous rule that they could be married before

ordination, but could not remarry.

Havana, May 6th.—25 persons are reported to have been killed and more than fifty injured in a head on collision between Hersey Electric Railway trains near Camasi, province of Matanzas, today. The trains were rounding a curve at high speed when they crashed. Fire broke out immediately in the wreckage and a number of victims were burned to death in the blazing coaches. Most of the injured have been taken to Matanzas on a special train.

Winnipeg, Man., May 6th.—Endorsing the sugar boycott launched by Winnipeg women to force down the price of sugar, Mr. Farmer, the Mayor announced his intention of giving every possible assistance to the movement.

Publication.

It is hereby brought to public notice that in pursuance of the provisions of the Ordinance approved 28 May, 1910, it is unlawful to establish or maintain a radio or wireless station, public or private, in the Virgin Islands of the United States without the express authorization of the Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States of America.

Violations shall be punishable as prescribed by Chapter I, Section 6 of the Ordinance above mentioned.

Government House,
Saint Thomas,
Virgin Islands of the United States,
May 3, 1923.

HENRY H. HOUGH,
Governor.

LIST OF UNCLAIMED MAIL FOR THE WEEK ENDED May 5, 1923.

Mr. Victor Board, Contentment Road,
Miss Blanche Codrington, La Princess School.
Miss Lilian Ferris,
Mr. Augustus Gunn,
I. E. Henry,
Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson,
Paul L. Jensen, Queen St.
Mrs. Marie Louise Mason,
Mrs. Georgiene O. Reilly,
Florence Pond,
Miss Mary Eliza Strawn,
Henry Thomas, King St. No. 25.
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