

ORDER OF THE DAY

for the 4th Ordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council for St. Croix, MONDAY, February 14, 1921, at ONE O'CLOCK P. M.

1. Colonial Council Bill No. 53. Introduction of and 1st Discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 53, Additional Money Bill introduced by Government granting the Department of Education the sum of Frs. 23,812.00 for transfer of the Frederiksted High School and a further sum of Frs. 312.50 for the reimbursement of Theodore Roosevelt Grammar School for over payments of rent.
2. Colonial Council Bill No. 54. Introduction of and 1st Discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 54, Draft of an Ordinance introduced by 1st Member for Christiansted Country District (Stakemann) repealing an Act passed by the Colonial Council and approved by the Governor on June 20th 1918.

Colonial Council Office, St. Croix, February 7, 1921.

ROBT. L. MERWIN,
Chairman.

LOCAL.

The show at the theatre last night was as forecast a good one, and judging by the pleased faces all around, everybody was satisfied. The plan to keep the gate closed during intermission did not work, the people having clamored for access to the street which was gained at the instance of the police. It is to be hoped that there will not arise any further wrangling over this matter, and that a way will be found to meet the people's wishes without prejudice to the interests of the theatre.

The court yesterday fined leading merchants here for illicit traffic in bay rum. The highest penalty was \$50. For some time rumors of this bootlegging business have been in circulation, and events indicate that the people are not the prohibitionists they were represented to be, however undesirable this is for the welfare of the community, a fact deplored by the editor of this paper whose position in the liquor question is well known. The court last week also imposed fines in the cases of hucksters found to have been importing goods and retailing same,—mostly cigars.

TO CORRESPONDENT:—Mr. E. Svendsen your letter will be published tomorrow.

Frederiksted, 5th Feb.

The British s. s. "Guiana" from New York via St. Thomas arrived here at 6 p. m. yesterday with 1,870 packages for Frederiksted and 842 packages for Christiansted and sailed for Windward at 9 p. m.

Feb. 7th.

The American schooner "Pocahontas" arrived on Saturday at 9.30 p. m. with mail and general cargo from Porto Rico. The American sloop "Carib" arrived at 8 o'clock this morning with a load of gasoline.

TELEGRAM.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Washington, Feb. 2nd.—A warning against pacifism and unpreparedness was given in the House Naval Committee today by General Pershing who appeared to discuss world disarmaments. While expressing approval of the proposal for a world disarmament conference, he said the United States should go ahead with its present navy programme until a definite agreement had been reached by at least five great world nations. We should steer clear of drifting into a pacifist state of mind simply because we are discussing this subject, General Pershing asserted. "None of us want war, but we do not want to be caught unprepared if war comes. The nations of the world know that the economic position of the United States would enable it to outstrip the world in military preparations, if it so desired and therefore they would realize the sincerity of a move for disarmament if initiated by this country and would subscribe to it madly. I don't believe Germany want another war". He gave it as his opinion that the Powers in the League of Nations would not go ahead with any disarmament steps unless assured that the United States would take similar action. We know that America is not militaristic as she does not wish to expand at the expense of other nations, but she has no designs on other countries, but the other nations may not believe that. In concluding, the witness said that it was his belief that developments in aerial warfare will have a great effect on the military and naval establishments of the future.

Dublin, Feb. 3rd.—Four men are dead as the result of an ambush of a squad of auxiliary police at Ballinalee near here yesterday, two of the wounded having died late last night. Details of the attack have not yet been received here, but it is known that one of the two motor lorries was blown up by a mine set in the road. It is said that this was the first time such a method of attack had been used against the Crown forces in Ireland. Three lorries loaded with policemen were attacked last night, several bombs were thrown at them. Two officers on board returned the fire, two civilians being wounded. A constable in plain clothes who was cycling along Trinity Street was shot dead during the evening. An attempt to ambush three lorries was made in Bishop Street early last night. Four bombs were thrown, but none of the troops in the lorries were injured.

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Skibbereen County, Cork, Feb. 3rd.—Members of a party, said to number several hundred Sinn Féiners, were killed and several others wounded in an attack last night upon a detachment of fifteen police between Burgada and Ross Carbery according to reports from police sources reaching here this morning. The attacking party was beaten off after a fierce fight, abandoning a quantity of ammunition. The police sustained no casualties.

Birmingham, Feb. 3rd.—Mr. Austen Chamberlain in a speech here today announced that the profits tax in Great Britain would be withdrawn. Not only would this be abolished, he added, but no new tax proposed to replace it and no new taxes would be proposed for the coming financial year. There might be new duties in connection with "Lumped" goods or depreciation exchange, but there would be no new taxes on business, the Chancellor declared. Mr. Chamberlain, who was speaking to his constituents, denied that the Government had any intention to promote and rush an election on a popular budget. None of the ministers had any such idea, he said, and if the Government should wish to appeal to the country it would not be on finance that they would find an opportunity for means for gratifying that wish. With reference to the abolition of the excess profits tax, Mr. Chamberlain said that all business, except those begun since the war, will pay the tax for a period of seven years, dating from their first accountancy period. But for all new businesses the tax ceases from December 31st last. Before making the announcement the Chancellor explained that he was taking an unusual course in announcing Budget intentions in advance and nothing but the present abnormal conditions would justify such a course. The war had left Britain a debtor nation, but the country has made progress and transformed the deficit into a balance on the right side and had even begun to redeem its obligations toward foreign nations. The excess profits tax, he said, had many defects. It tended to encourage extravagance and discourage enterprise, but the conditions which made it necessary had changed, and its renewal was no longer necessary.

Dublin, Feb. 3rd.—Nine policemen were killed and two wounded today, when two lorries ran into an ambushade between Drunkan and New Pallas, County Limerick, Dublin Castle announced tonight that another ambushade took place this afternoon near Ballinhassig,